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PARTY PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

Division Committeemen Hold Enthusiastic Meetings and Strengthen Party.

Four divisions of the Democratic State Committee, including the State Committeemen from thirty-five counties, stretching all across the State, have now met and frankly discussed the political situation in their varicus districts, and plans for strengthening the party lines for the coming campaign. Instead of the predicted clash of factions so hoped for by Republicans and other opponents of the Democratic State organization, harmony has been conspicuous by its presence, and a unanimity of feeling has been shown that the party faces the greatest opportunity of its history in Pennsylvania, and that it is in greatest shape to grasp that opportunity and ride to success in 1914

Two resolutions adopted by the meetings at Harrisburg and Allentown prove the sincerity of the other declarations. One, congratulating the people of the State upon the defeat of the road loan amendment, is linked with the promise that, given power, the Democratic party, by honesty, efficiency and economy in administration, will provide all the necessary and desirable funds with which to push forward the building of good roads, and will do it without injecting politics into the department, without extravagance and with practical results.

The other warmly commended the proposal in President Wilson's message, in favor of Presidential primaries for the nomination of candidates for the Presidency. These resolutions express the attitude of the Democratic State organization and of the great rank and file of the party voters toward questions of immediate interest, and show on which side of the progressive fence the party in this State stands, gossips to the contrary notwithstanding.

The other divisions of the State will meet shortly, until all have assembled to talk over plans and policies. It is a good omen of the future.

OFFERS POLITICAL BARGAIN

Prohibitionists, After Long Fight, are Convinced that Prohibition Must Come Through Another Channel, if at All.

The Prohibition party is for sale. It is going to offer its vote in bulk to the first opposition organization that will agree to insert its principles in the plat form. With this accomplishment the leaders agree to deliver the vote and pledge every individual to work under the new banner. At first glance it would appear that this is an opportunity calculated to enlist the feverish interest of party managers. The chance to get a whole party at one time is not often presented, and the inference is that keen rivalry will mark the bidding for the prize.

On second thought one will ask as to the size of the vote that is to be transferred in return for a platform plank. At the election of 1912 the Prohibition candidate for President polled a total of 206,275 votes. The total vote of the Union was more than 15,000,000, from which it is easy to make a comparison. No matter which party wins, in the event of a contest for these recruits, it would by no means be assured of a strength sufficient to overwhelm all opposition.

The Prohibition party has made a good fight covering a long period of years, but never with any show of success. It is sad to reflect that this is true. Now that its leaders realize the utter helplessness of their position, they are willing to adopt the most graceful method of passing out of existence. It is not believed its following can be delivered as a whole to any other party. It is more likely to be a case of general assimilation.

Farmers' Institute.

Farmers' institutes will be held in Centre county as follows: Pine Grove Mills, Monday and Tuesday, December 29th and 30th; Rebersburg, Wednesday and Thursday, December 31st and January 1st; Jacksonville, Friday and Saturday, January 2nd and 3rd The speakers will be Prof. Franklin Menges of York; C. M. Bamitz of Riverside, and H. M. Gooderham of Patton. Mr. Bamitz takes the place of Prof. R. H. Bell of State College, who was scheduled on the original program, and his talks will be on chicken raising.

Be Square.

If you work for a man in Heaven's name work for him. If he pays you wages that supply your bread and butter work for him, speak well of him, stand by the institution he represents. If put to a pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. If you must vilify condemn and eternally disparage why not resign your position? And when you are out side, to your hearts content but as long as you are part of the institution, do not traduce it.

GRANGERS BUY CREAMERY.

The Howard Creamery Corporation's Plant at Centre Hall to be Put into Operation.

The executive committee representing the Centre County Pomona Grange purchased the creamery plant at Centre Hall formerly owned by the Howard Creamery Corporation and operated by it with W. Gross Mingle as manager. The plant will be overhauled at once, and by the first of February or thereabouts will again be put into operation.

While the purchase was made by representatives of the Centre County Pomona Grange, the property will ultimately become that of a number of stock holders formed under a limited partnership, the stockholders being the County Grange, Progress Grange, and a number of individuals. The price paid was eleven hundred dollars The purchase includes about a half acre of land, the buildings comprising the creamery proper, and the equipment, ice house, hog pen, and poultry house. The property was purchased at a sacrifice sale.

The executive committee referred to above is composed of Hon. Leonard Rhone, chairman, Christ D. Keller, William S. Brooks, I S. Frain, all of whom were present except the latter at a meeting held on Friday at the home of Mr. Rhone, at Centre Hall, when and where the deal for the creamery was consummated.

The business of the concern will be conducted under the title of the Patrons Co-operative Creamery Company, Limited.

Sunday Organizing Against Liquor.

Rev. W. A. Sunday, or "Bill" Sunday as he calls himself, closed his six weeks campaign in Johnstown with two extra sermons on Monday a week. These two sermons were devoted to fostering a temperance movement which resulted in the organizing of the Cambria County Anti-Saloon Association, with H. W. Story, a P. R. R. attorney, as its prime mover. One man from Ebensburg, the county seat, sent the association a check for $1000 to aid the fight against booze. How many Centre county men would contribute one thousand dollars to down the liquor business? Centre county has some pretty liberal people when it comes to supporting churches, missions and charity objects, but a thousand dollar check to down booze would probably strangle them.

When Sunday travels on the P. R. R. the officials stop through trains for him, and order the train men to give him all courtesy necessary for his comfort. When he left Johnstown, between one and two o'clock at night, a hundred and fifty people met him at the depot to bid him good bye, and tell him they were going down to Pittsburgh to greet him there on his arrival on the 28th inst.

The Pittsburgh people are preparing to greet him with a parade of seventy-five thousand Sunday-school scholars, providing the weather is favorable, against the ten thousand Sunday-school scholars that marched in Johnstown.

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LOCALS.

The section foremen along the L. & T. were called to Lewisburg on Saturday to confer with Supervisor W. F. Miller.

Rev. C. C. Shuey of Bellefonte filled the appointments on the Lutheran charge at Spring Mills, Tusseyville and Centre Hall, on Sunday.

The H. C. Breon agency, at Millheim, the latter part of last week received a car load of Ford cars. This agency has been doing an extensive business, and each year the sales are increasing.

A Yeagertown correspondent says Harry A. Stover with a force of men took charge of the stave mill on Wednesday morning that he recently purchased from Grant Smith. The mill is located in Ferguson valley about four miles west of Yeagertown.

The Susquehanna Glee Club gave an entertainment in Millheim on Thursday evening of last week that was altogether creditable to the young men composing it and the institution—the Susquehanna University—they represent. The entertainment was held under the auspices of the ladies civic club, and the funds secured will be added to moneys being raised for the building of a new town hall.

Many of the subscribers to the Centre Reporter are taking advantage of the opportunity to renew their subscriptions under the one dollar rate, and new subscriptions are coming in right along, and for this the editor is thankful. The readers of this paper seem to appreciate that under present conditions the subscription price of one dollar is too low, and are quite willing to pay a reasonable sum. Of course, they know the Reporter is worth much more than 2½ cents an issue.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On and after February 1st, 1914, the subscription price of The Centre Reporter will be advanced from $1.00 to $1.50 yer year.

Subscription paid in advance, at the time this notice goes into effect, will be continued until date of expiration without additional charge, but no renewal or no new subscription will be accepted after the first day of February, 1914, at a less rate than $1.50.

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EXTENSION OF PARCELS POST.

Weights Increased from 20 to 50 pounds—Books Become Merchandise Under New Order.

On and after January 1st, 1914, the limit of weight of Parcels of Fourth class mail for delivery within the first and second zones shall be increased from 20 to 50 pounds, and in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth zones from 11 to 20 pounds.

The rate of postage on parcels exceeding 4 ounces in weight in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zone shall be as follows:

Third zone—six cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

Fourth zone—seven cents for the first pound and four cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

Fifth zone—eight cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

Sixth zone—nine cents for the first pound and eight cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

On and after March 16th, 1914, the classification of articles mailable under Section 8 of the Act of August 24th, 1912, authorizing the establishment of the parcel post service shall be extended to include books. The rate of postage on books weighing 8 ounces or less shall be 1 cent for each 2 ounces or fraction thereof and on those weighing in excess of 8 ounces the regular zone rate shall apply.

All regulations or parts of regulations in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Dear Friend:

Find inclosed check to advance my subscription.

We are having very fine weather here now. We had a little snow, but that is all gone. The weather does not effect our business, as we have about the same amount of auto repairing in the winter as in the summer, and are kept busy all the time.

A letter from Prof. Krise told of Sunday in Johnstown, and I want to say a few words about a similar movement here by Dr. Stough. The churches united, and a six weeks' campaign was conducted. Previously a tabernacle large enough to accommodate three thousand people was erected, and before Dr. Stough was through, the saloon keepers were very sick. And now we have a new mayor, and this has made their fever higher. The religious campaign and the new mayor have brought about much good in this city.

Coming a little nearer home let me say that on September 7th, a little son came to our home to stay. When he arrived his weight was seven and one-half pounds, and in the three and more months he has been here seven more pounds were added to his weight, making a total of fourteen and a half pounds.

Very truly,
J. W. NEESE.

Auburn, N. Y.

Transfers of Real Estate.

J. H. Patton et ux to Susie Spotts tract of land in Port Matilda. $100.

William W. Stevenson et ux to Charles G Avery, lot of ground in S. Philipsburg. $357.88.

Harrison S. Stine et al to Nora Guim, tract of land in S. Philipsburg $400.

A. B. Lee, Sheriff, to Aaron P. Zerby, lot of land in College twp. $4100.

A. P. Zerby to Thomas R. Weber, tract of land in College twp. $4.100.

Angela Hemmes to Matt Hemmes, tract of land in S. Philipsburg. $1.

M. I. McCreight et al to George Scott, Sr., tract of land in Philipsburg. $6,000.

Irvin G. Alexander et al to James M. Alexander, tract of land in Union twp. $300.

Irving L. Foster et al to Hillside Ice Co., tract of land in Ferguson twp. $1,000.

PENNSYLVANIA WINTERS.

They are as Cold as They Used to be—We Forget the Average Conditions and Remember the Exceptions.

We hear that Pennsylvania winters are not what they used to be. It is an old refrain. No doubt in 1813 some old stager told younger auditors that the weather had undergone a permanent change because there was less snow and cold than when the declaimer was a boy. No doubt some to whom distance lent enchantment, away back in 1713, had the same kind of melancholy reminiscences. The real truth as to the weather is that few people remember much about it from year to year. There was little accurate data about the weather until comparatively recent years. It has not been many years since thermometers were scarcer than silk hats. Winter weather then was about as cold as anybody who was out in it felt it to be. Summer also was just about that warm. The winter clothing of years ago no further back than many people can remember, was nothing like so comfortable as it is today. In addition to that, a much larger portion of every community was exposed to the rigors of all weathers. Naturally, the cold, under such conditions, made a vivid impression upon its victims, and often left marks that could not be erased, in the shape of frosted ears, noses and toes.

So far this has been, as we all know, a comparatively mild winter. There have been mild ones before. There will be mild ones again. Some of our recent winters have been of marked severity and in that respect have defied the memory of the "oldest inhabitants." Records in the weather department, at Washington, and in many local observatories, show that, for any given term of years, as compared with any other given term of the same length, the average temperature of a locality varies but little for any of the seasons. There are freak years in the calendar, just as there are freak people in the community. In the long run both the calendar and the community average up pretty well. Superstition relative to the weather is tolerably extinct. Here and there there are people who pin their beliefs to certain appearances, and who are not averse to recalling "statistics" to fit certain things that they desire to prove and which they do prove to their own satisfaction.

LOCALS

Winter is five days old today.

A second son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gilliland, at State College.

Mrs. Edward Rider and children last week visited friends in Milton.

Miss Florence Love, an employee of the Watchman office, is at the Presbyterian Manse over the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Crowl of Elysburg are guests of Mr. and Mrs T. L. Moore over the Christmas season Mr Crowl is a bricklayer, and takes contracts in his line of work.

One of the best equipped and furnished lodge rooms in lower Penns Valley is that of the Golden Eagles in Millheim. The room is on the second floor of the Frank block, and is heated by steam, and has an independent lighting plant. The floor is carpeted, the walls handsomely decorated, and the whole furnished elegantly. It is a most delightful place. The order is in a most thriving condition, and its treasury is well filled.

Susan and Maria Rider, two aged ladies who live in a little house in the mountains south of Coburn, had glad hearts one day last week, when the good people of that community brought provisions, clothing and furniture to their most humble home. The ladies, together with a nephew aged about thirteen years, had consumed all the provisions on hand, and had no funds with which to buy. They refused assistance from the poor authorities, because they feared that to accept might mean their removal from the home they loved. Their wants in the future, no doubt, will be provided for by the many generous people who now know their great need.

George F. Swartz, a native of Penns Valley, is retiring from the drug business in Freeport, Illinois, after having been connected with the business for fifty-three years. He went west in 1855, locating in Illinois, and five years later settled in Freeport. He entered the services of Messrs. Emert & Burrell, Mr. Emert also being a native of this valley, in 1860, as a clerk, and later became the owner of the store. Mr. Swartz is now seventy-four years old, and thinks he has earned a continuous rest from business. The drug store will be known in the future as in the past as the Swartz drug store and will be conducted by a nephew, Harry D Swartz and John A. Crawford.

A SHORT-SIGHTED WISH.

A Local Forester and the owner of the Altoona Tribune Disagree as to Effect of Predaceous Animals on Game Animals and Birds.

Mr. Shoemaker, proprietor of the Altoona Tribune, comments on the expression by a local forester that wished the predaceous animals exterminated so that game animals and birds might the more thrive. Mr Shoemaker, who is very much a "mountain man," and is acquainted with habits of wild animals in Pennsylvania, in an editorial in his paper makes these expressions under the caption given above:

A forester writes a letter to a Centre county newspaper in which he expresses the wish that wildcats, foxes, weasels and other predaceous animals will speedily be reduced in numbers and finally exterminated thereby giving the game animals and birds a chance to multiply. Evidently this forester is imbued with the old-time and long-ago exploded theory that wildcats and such are responsible for the present scarcity of game. If he will but look back thirty or forty years when wildcats, wolves and panthers existed in large numbers, he will find that the so-called game animals and birds were much more numerous at that time than they are at present. As soon as the predatory animals were reduced in numbers the game animals and birds showed a decrease.

Wildcats, foxes, weasels and so on play a very important part in the economy of nature. They prey upon sickly and diseased game animals and birds and prevent the spread of pestilences which destroy game wholesale. When we had plenty of wildcats the grouse disease, the quail disease and the rabbit disease which have baffled scientists were unknown When the last predatory animal is killed we can look for a speedy extinction of all truly wild game, except what is farm raised. Let us hope that such an evil day will never come to pass.

Apart from this phase of the question the fur-bearing animals are much more valuable to mankind than game animals and birds. Winter trapping yields a comfortable income to farmers' sons and others, and strict laws should be passed protecting all fur-bearers except during the season when their coats are in prime condition The warefare against fur-bearing animals has resulted in their almost complete extermination in Pennsylvania It is time that a campaign of education should be started to make people realize that these creatures are of economic and financial worth.

The game animal and the game bird are only useful to afford amusement for sportsmen; the world could better spare them than the wildcats, foxes and weasels. It seems strange that such persistent efforts are made to protect game animals and not a word is said in favor of the fur-bearers. All classes of animals belong to the people in general and it is not just to protect certain species and to persecute others.

No Paper Next Week.

No paper will be issued from this office during the first week in January, the custom of omitting one issue during the holidays being one of long standing with most country weeklies.

The Reporter office will be open every day for business except Christmas day, and patrons are welcome to call at any time.

The next issue of the Reporter will appear Thursday, January 8th.

High Cost of Living.

The total value of the principal crops of the United States for 1913 was about fifty hundred millions.

The corn crop, with a value of fifteen hundred millions, was the only one that exceeded the national expenditure. The cost of government is greater than the combined value of the wheat, oats and barley crops. It is greater than the combined value of the hay and potato crops. It is greater than the combined value of the cotton, tobacco and rice crops.

One reason why the cost of living is high is found in the fact that the cost of government is high. The cost of government is high because of war, past, present and prospective.

Christmas Services.

Spring Mills, Reformed, Sunday evening, December 27th.

Millheim, Reformed, Christmas morning, six o'clock.

Penn Hall, Reformed, Christmas night.

St. Paul's (Fiedler), Reformed, Christmas night.

St. Paul's (Fiedler), Lutheran, Christmas night.

Rebersburg, Reformed, Christmas evening.

Boalsburg, Lutheran, Christmas evening.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Miss Lydia Events of Martha is at the home of her aunt, Mrs. George O. Benner.

Miss Lena Bressler of Spring Mills was the guest of Misses Nina Slick and Laura Mitterling, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sweetwood of Spring Mills were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith from Saturday until Monday.

Rev. W. A. Wagner of Pottsgrove was in Centre Hall for a few days, the guest of his sisters, Mrs. A. E Kerlin and Mrs. Charles E. Flink.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Musser of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, will spend the winter in Texas, at San Antonio, and in June they will go to California.

On Saturday John H. Puff accompanied his mother, Mrs. Musselman, to Flemington, to which place she went to be with a brother, Israel Osmar, who is quite ill.

This issue of the Centre Reporter bears the date of December 25th, Christmas day, but no part of the work done on it was performed on that hallowed day.

Prof. P. H. Meyer was in Union county last week, and conducted the musical portion of the program at the teachers' institute held in Mifflinburg. The institute was a delightful affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross expect to have a happy Christmas day. Their chief pleasure will center in their little son who has been ill in the Bellefonte hospital, and is expected home today —Christmas.

The parcels post has been well patronized in the local postoffice. There is certainly an appreciative difference in the rates on merchandise when the present and the Christmas rates of 1912 are compared.

Guy Jacobs, who has been in San Francisco, California, for several months overseeing the installation of several large ice machines, is on the way east. He is a representative of the York Manufacturing Company.

A car load of hogs was shipped to Shamokin by John C. Rossman. This is the third shipment made this season. The hogs are consigned to a packing house. The price paid was seven and one-half cents per pound, and the average weight 195 pounds.

On his way home from the Pierce Business College, Philadelphia, Chester Homan stopped at the Homan home east of Centre Hall and was entertained by Miss Vera Homan. Mr. Homan is a son of William Homan, State College, and, by the way, the families are not of kin.

The Centre Hall Evaporating Company shipped about thirty-four thousand pounds of dried fruit to New York last week. The plant was not run to any great extent on account of the scarcity of help, yet a pretty large quantity of apples that could not be put on the market in any other way were disposed of.

Calvin Osman of Glen Iron was awarded a prize of $50 in cash for keeping in best repair his section of the L. and T. The prize was paid by the Pennsy to the section foreman whose section stood best when the inspection of the local branch was made. Mr. Osman has been in the Pennsy's employment for a good many years, and his work proves that he understands how to maintain a track to catch a prize.

After an absence from Centre Hall for a year and a half, S. Paul Dinges put in an appearance on Monday evening, coming here from Meadville. From here he went to Williamsport where he and Mrs. Dinges are spending Christmas. Mr Dinges has been in the insurance business ever since he left Centre Hall, and today is the head of the Underwriters Association of the middle department, his office being in Meadville. It is his thorough knowledge of the business and the putting forth of his best efforts that gave him the very desirable berth he now holds.

The creamery plant at Centre Hall will again be put into operation, and will be conducted by the farmers under a co-operative plan. The movement ought to have the united support of every one in this community, and ought to have not only the good will, but the patronage of all the farmers as selling customers, and the townspeople as buyers. As soon as matters can be shaped by the committees in charge, the public will be given an opportunity to subscribe to the capital stock. To date almost double the stock first set out to secure has been subscribed. Home pride should be an inspiration for almost every producer of milk and consumer of butter to take one or more shares of stock in the enterprize being established.

WOULD BUY OUT ALL WIRE LINES

Postmaster General Burleson's Annual Report.

THE P. O. SELF-SUPPORTING

Declares the Government Should Also Take Over the Telegraph and Telephone Lines.

Washington.—A sweeping declaration in favor of the principle of government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines and an assertion that the Postal Service now is self-supporting for the first time since 1883, are features of the annual report of Postmaster General Burleson, transmitted to Congress.

Concerning the acquisition of telephone and telegraph lines, Postmaster General Burleson says that the government has demonstrated its capacity to conduct public utilities, and, from his present information, he is inclined clearly to the taking over by the Postoffice Department of the telegraph lines and possibly, also, of the telephone lines. Discussing that the Postmaster General says:

"A study of the constitutional purposes of the postal establishment leads to the conviction that the Postoffice Department should have control over all means of the communication of intelligence. The first telegraph line in this country was maintained and operated as a part of the postal service, and it is to be regretted that Congress saw fit to relinquish this facility to private enterprise. The monopolistic nature of the telegraph business makes it of vital importance to the people that it can be conducted by unselfish interests, and this can be accomplished only through government ownership.

"Every argument in favor of the government ownership of telegraph lines may be advanced with equal logic and force in favor of the government ownership of telephone lines. It has been competently decided that a telephone message and a telegram are the same within the meaning of the laws governing the telegraph service and therefore it is believed that the statute enabling the government to acquire, upon the payment of an appraised valuation, the telegraph lines of the country will enable the government to acquire the telephonic network of the country.

"It is gratifying to report," says he, "that the total expenses of maintaining the postal service for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1913, is found to be exceeded by the revenues for the same period; that there is an actual surplus of $3,841,906.78; and that the postal service is now for the first time since 1883 self-supporting."

As to his general financial policy Postmaster General Burleson says:

"The dominant policy of the present administration will be to conduct the postal service for the convenience of the public and not for profit. The prime consideration in perfecting the personnel of the postal service shall be to recognize efficiency and to eliminate partisanship."

Notable recommendations to Congress for the enactment of additional legislation to facilitate and extend the operations of the postal service are made. Among the more important are the following:

"That the Postoffice Department be given exclusive jurisdiction over the selection of the sites for public buildings to be used wholly for postoffice purposes, and joint authority with the Secretary of the Treasury in the selection of sites for federal buildings to be used jointly by the postal and other branches of the government service.

"To amend existing law in order to allow $2,000 indemnity for accidental death of any officer or employe of the postal service or for death within one year as the result of injuries sustained in the service in the line of duty."

"The elimination of surety bonds now required of postal officers and employes and the substitution of a guaranty fund established and maintained by assessments prescribed by the Postmaster General to contract for experimental aerial eral.

"To authorize the removal of the limitation on the amount of postal savings deposits with the proviso that interest shall not be paid on more than $1,000. This will permit postal savings depositors to deposit any amount."

The report indicates that the growth of the parcel post business has been phenomenal. "The experience gained in the operation of the system under the revised rates and weights has shown that a further reduction of rates and increase of weight limit is justified," says the Postmaster General."

TO DECLINE MORE SALARY.

President Of New York Aldermen To Keep Promise.

New York.—Declaring that when he accepted the nomination for president of the Board of Aldermen he was aware of the salary and willing to give his full time to it without any increase, George McAneny has issued a statement saying that he would ask the Board of Aldermen not to pass a resolution to increase the pay of the office from $5,000 to $10,000.

THE LONGEST SHORT DAY

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BRYAN'S DEMANDS BEFORE CARRANZA

Final Peace May Hang on His Ability to Control Villa.

THE JUNTA TAKES ACTION

Victorious Rebel General Told Treatment Of Foreigners Has Injured His Cause—Await Report From Consul.

Washington.—The acid test is being applied to General Venustiana Carranza. On the outcome probably nangs the question of final peace for Mexico.

Carranza has in his possession Bryan's demands that he intervene to restore order in Chihuahua City.

Carranza's failure to show that Villa is only a lieutenant who will obey orders will, in all probability, end the suggestion that Carranza is the one man who can be depended on to restore peace and order in Mexico when Huerta is eliminated.

Bryan's demands have received unexpected support from another source. The local Constitutionalist junta has wired to Villa independent of whatever action Carranza is taking.

The victorious revolutionary general has been plainly told that his action in evicting foreigners from their homes and exiling them from the country has injured his cause here.

Members of the junta here say that many of the charges brought against Villa are without foundation, that most of the Spaniards exiled from Chihuahua City have been open sympathizers with the Huerta regime.

Await Report From Consul.

The Administration was admittedly worried about the latest development in the Mexican situation, and is waiting anxiously for the report of the American Consul at Chihuahua.

When the various Powers agreed to await the pleasure of this Government and not interfere in Mexico to protect their own subjects and their property the State Department agreed to protect all foreigners.

This they have been able to do up to the present. But should Villa prove obdurate in this instance a new problem will be presented which would bring intervention far too close for comfort.

HEAVY SENTENCE FOR LEE.

Navy Quartermaster Convicted Of Stealing Government Property.

Norfolk, Va.—Former Chief Quartermaster James P. Lee, arrested several months ago in connection with the thefts of Government property from the navy yard, was convicted by general courtmartial. He was sentenced to a year's confinement at hard labor, to be reduced to the rating of ordinary seaman, to lose all pay which may be due him, except prison expenses, and at the expiration of his sentence to be dishonorably discharged from the service.

MENELIK AGAIN DEAD.

Emperor Of Abyssinia Reported To Have Died Last Friday.

London.—A dispatch from Jibuti, Africa, says that Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia, died on Friday last. King Menelik, who was born in 1844, has been reported dead on several occasions. Special dispatches from Addis Abeba last February, announced his death and the succession of Prince Lidj Jeasseau, one of his grandsons.

FEUDISTS BURN HOUSES.

Masked Men Also Beat Collins Family At Springfield.

Springfield, Mo.—Fifteen masked ment, said to have been feud enemies of the Collins family, of Old Herton, an isolated village in Howell county, rode into the village and burned four houses belonging to the Collinses. Several members of the family were beaten and warned to leave on pain of death. The band then rode away. The Collins family numbers about 200

MINERS TRAPPED IN VULCAN MINE

An Explosion of Coal Dust Causes the Disaster.

BODIES MANGLED AND BURNED

All the Victims Were Married and All But Six Or Eight Of Them Were Americans.

New Castle, Col.—Thirty-eight men were killed in the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company by an explosion of coal dust. Two miners were rescued after the underground workings had caught fire. All the victims were married and all but six or eight were Americans.

Many of the bodies were frightfully mangled and burned.

Father J. P. Carrigan, of Glenwood Springs, near here, hurried to New Castle at the first news of the explosion. The priest rushed into the smoking pit among the first rescuers in search of the dying to whom he might administer the last rites of the church.

The Vulcan mine is only about a year old and was equipped with modern safety devices. It is believed that the explosion was caused by an accumulation of dust in the west portion of the mine, where work had practically been abandoned. Most of the dead were found in the east workings, to which the explosion was communicated.

This fall employes of the mine were called out on a strike by the United Mine Workers of America, but some of them had gone back to work. The other victims of the disaster were strikebreakers.

The output of the mine is approximately 400 tons daily, being used by railroads. The mine is of the slope variety.

New Castle was the scene of the first big mine disaster in Colorado in 1889, when 75 men were killed in the Santa Fe mines.

PASSES WAR CLAIMS BILL.

House Appropriates $1,729,012 To Cover 1,158 Claims.

Washington.—Appropriations totaling $1,720,012 to cover 1,158 claims tried by the Court of Claims and referred back to Congress for final action are made in a war claims bill passed by the House. Some of the claims have been awaiting appropriations for eight or nine years and include claims of volunteer officers of the Union Army in the Civil War and the war with Spain, churches, lodges, schools, hospitals and municipal corporations damaged during the war and claims of individuals for army stores and supplies.

EGG BOYCOTT SUCCESSFUL.

Price In Kansas City Drops To Women's League Figure.

Kansas City, Mo.—An egg boycott declared 10 days ago at a massmeeting of women's organizations of Kansas City was lifted. Storage eggs were selling at 40 cents at the time the boycott was started. They are now retailing at 30 to 34 cents. "Of course, if the prices go up again, we will cease using eggs," said Mrs. W. O. Church, president of the Housewives' League, "but as long as the market is down we need not deny ourselves."

WORLD'S END LONG WAY OFF.

Prof. Doolittle Says Earth Will Exist 15,000,000 More Years.

Philadelphia.—Replying to a question put by a clergyman at the weekly meeting of the Presbyterian ministers, Prof. Eric Doolittle, director of the University of Pennsylvania's astronomical observatory, said he thought that life on this earth would come to an end in about 15,000,000 years. Professor Doolittle had been making an address on astronomy.

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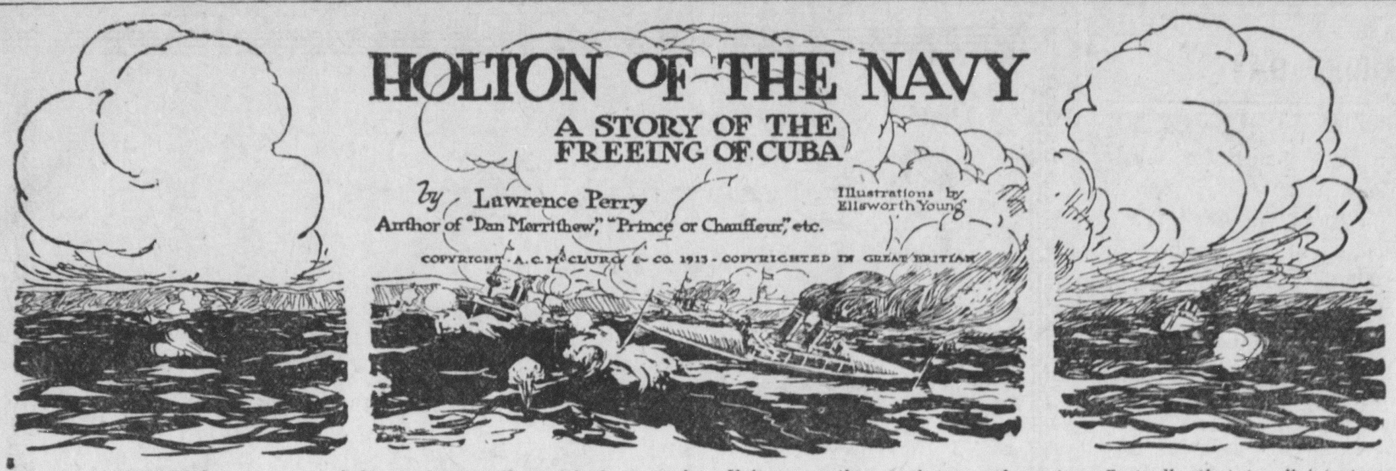

HOLTON OF THE NAVY

A STORY OF THE FREEING OF CUBA

By Lawrence Perry

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Author of "Dan Merrithew," "Prince or Chauffeur," etc.

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SYNOPSIS.

Lieutenant Holton is detached from his command in the navy at the outset of the Spanish-American war and assigned to important secret service duty. While dining at a Washington hotel he detects a waiter in the act of robbing a beautiful young lady. She thanks him for his service and gives her name as Miss La Tossa, a Cuban patriot. Later he meets her at a ball. A secret service man warns Holton that the girl is a spy. Senor La Tossa chides his daughter for her failure to secure important information from Holton. She leaves for her home in Cuba. Holton is ordered to follow her. They meet on the Tampa train. Miss La Tossa tells Holton she is a Cuban spy and expresses doubt regarding the sincerity of the United States. Holton is ordered to remain in Tampa to guard the troop transports.

CHAPTER V.—Continued.

The page fled, and Holton, with a short laugh, strolled over to the clerk's desk.

"Who is this man Rodriguez who sends peremptory messages to guests of the hotel?" he inquired.

"A curious duffer," was the reply. "Rich as get out, and very exclusive. He very seldom comes out of his room. Did he send for you?"

"Yes, he did me the honor. By the way, I wish you'd have my junk taken from my room and put abroad the Gnat; will you?"

"Certainly, sir." Having given the order, Holton paid his bill, and was about to go down to his boat when a negro tapped him on the arm.

Holton turned suddenly, his nose almost colliding with a note which the man held out almost at arm's length.

"This for me?" he asked.

"Ya-as, suh."

Holton took it, broke open the envelope, and glanced hastily over the contents. Then, with a frown, he turned to a boy.

"Say, youngster," he commanded, "take me right up to Mr. Rodriguez's room, will you?"

On reaching the third floor, the boy led the way down the hall, stopping before a door at the end of the corridor.

"Here it is, sir."

"All right." Holton gave the lad a coin and rattled his knuckles against the panel.

The door was opened by an intelligent-appearing Cuban, who conducted the caller into a luxuriously furnished reception room and asked him to sit down. Soon a door opened and a tall, sallow man, handsome in a languid Latin way, confronted him.

"Ah, Senor Holton. You honor me," he murmured.

"Then you are Mr. Rodriguez?" asked Holton abruptly.

"Yes, yes," responded the man, who was clad in a well-made suit of crash with a crimson sash about his waist. "I repeat, I am flattered at your visit."

"I am glad of that," Holton rejoined stiffly; "but I come in response to a note stating that matters of interest to a Miss La Tossa were pressing. Will you do me the kindness to enlighten me as to the manner in

A Negro Tapped Him on the Arm.

which my acquaintance with Miss La Tossa interests you?"

The Spaniard bowed. "You are direct, like all Americans," he said. "Well, be it so."

He took from a table a bottle of very rare Abuelo Oloroso, and poured a little in a glass. He pushed it toward Holton.

"I drink," he said, smilingly brilliantly, "to Miss La Tossa, and may she have a most comfortable trip on the Gnat."

Holton left his glass poised.

"What on earth are you talking about!" he cried.

"Miss La Tossa, as you know," the Spaniard said, "is in Tampa."

"Yes, I know that," said Holton. "She came down on my train."

"It is not good for her to be here."

"The climate?" queried Holton, disingenuously.

"No, not the climate," was the reply, so sharp and so spirited, so much in contrast to Rodriguez's previous manner of speech that the naval officer started. "Not the climate. She is engaged in activities here that your government regards as most pernicious."

"Yes, and your own government?" came back Holton.

"My government," Rodriguez smiled genially, "happens to be your government."

So saying, he handed Holton a paper which, as the officer read it, convinced him beyond question or cavil that Senor Rodriguez was none other than an attache of the United States State Department, whose name was anathema to every Spaniard or loyal Cuban.

He was, in sooth, none other than Ramon del Rey, a spy, with headquarters in Washington, who, although a naturalized American, had done more effective, if unobtrusive, work for Cuba Libre than most other Cuban patriots rolled into one.

Holton rose and, with a smile of genuine pleasure, thrust out his hand.

"I have heard of you," he said; "and I'm glad to know you."

"Thank you. I, too, have heard of you. But to business. Miss La Tossa must not stay here, and yet her removal must be brought about quietly, for various reasons. It is best that Miss La Tossa be transported at once to Cuba on the Gnat, very quietly and unostentatiously, where agents of mine will meet her and conduct her to her estate in the province of Santiago. Once there, I promise you she'll not leave in a hurry. Your orders will come to you from Washington within a very few hours. In the meantime I suggest you have everything ready."

"I see—and Miss La Tossa?"

"Miss La Tossa will be escorted aboard the Gnat at seven o'clock precisely, and now I bid you good day and thank you."

"Thank you," and Holton left, wondering if the man realized all he was thanking him for.

He lost no time in making his way to the Gnat, where he astonished Conroy and Howard by summoning them to the cabin.

"Is there any way," he said, "in which this room can be made more comfortable for a young lady?"

Neither of the two men spoke, regarding Holton with open-mouthed astonishment.

"It's this way," smiled Holton, "the Gnat's been ordered to take a young Cuban woman over to Cuba, and—and I want her to be comfortable."

The faces of the two men radiated curiosity, but Holton said nothing further to enlighten them.

Promptly at seven o'clock that evening a closed carriage drove rapidly down the long wharf and stopped abreast the gangway leading to the Gnat. The door was flung open, and del Rey and an American, their arms linked through those of Miss La Tossa, descended and without a word walked down the plank and aboard the torpedo boat.

Holton met them by the conning tower and lifted his cap.

"How do you do, Miss La Tossa?" he said, smiling in greeting.

She flashed a vague look at him, and lowered her eyes without speaking.

Del Rey bowed in a courtly manner to the girl. "I trust you will have a pleasant voyage, and I beg to apologize for my seeming rudeness."

The captive deigned no reply, and turned her back as the two men retraced their steps up the gangway.

A few minutes later the diminutive warship was churning her way out through the bay.

Holton turned to the girl, who stood disconsolately, viewing the receding shore.

"I am sorry, Miss La Tossa, but you will recognize, of course, that I am doing nothing but obeying orders, which are to see that you are very comfortable and agreeably entertained until you reach Cuba."

She evidently had determined not to talk to her captor, but changed her mind with womanlike suddenness.

"I shall thank you if I am comfortable, but I shall thank you still more if you give over any idea of entertaining me. You may be sure that the less I see of you the better I shall be pleased."

"If you will follow me, Miss La Tossa," he said, with sudden stiffening of manner, "I'll show you your cabin."

The dark came rolling across the sea. It was a wonderful night, a night spangled with constellations and undulating black velvet waters, which picked up the little torpedo craft, holding her high and then sending her gliding silently down long inclines, at the bottom of which she seemed to nestle a moment before her screw kicked her up another quivering hill.

Some time later the lights of a craft which had been following astern of the Gnat began to creep closer and closer aboard, and dark clouds of smoke, billowing from three squat funnels, blotted out the northeastern horizon.

Holton saw the vessel, too, and easily recognized her as a torpedo boat destroyer. His only doubt was as to her nationality.

This was speedily settled, for suddenly Ardois lights began to blink from the bridge, interpreting which Holton learned that the destroyer Bainbridge wished to speak to the Gnat.

In a few minutes the Bainbridge swished up and the sharp voice of Lieutenant-Commander Jameson sounded from the bridge.

"On board the Gnat!"

"Aye, Aye!" yelled Horton.

There followed a silence which lasted until the destroyer slid her high, sharp bow and conical forward deck alongside the little torpedo boat. Jameson jumped aboard and after returning Holton's salute he said formally:

"I have orders to take a Miss La Tossa from the Gnat and land her at—well, never mind where."

"Very good, sir. Any orders for me?"

"Yes, here they are." Jameson took

"I Am Quite Happy at My Change of Prisons."

an envelope from his overcoat-pocket and handed it to Holton. "Now, then, I'll take the girl."

But the girl, in fact, did not wait to be taken. She stepped forward most gracefully, and addressing Jameson, said:

"I am ready; I am quite happy at my change of prisons and my shift of jailers."

"Ha, ha!" laughed the prosaic Jameson, nudging Holton in the ribs, and offering his arm to the girl who walked up a small ladder to the deck of the destroyer without so much as a glance at Holton.

With a blast of her siren the Bainbridge shot on her way to Cuba, while the Gnat made a long sweep and turned upon her course.

While this maneuver was in progress Holton, still flushing with vexation, ripped open the envelope and read the latest phase of what he had come to regard as a game of battledore and shuttlecock.

Shorn of technical verbiage, the orders which were signed by the new assistant secretary, Allen, instructed Holton to lose himself and the Gnat among the small isolated keys of the coast until such time as the transports were gathered at Port Tampa, when he was then to guard them from night attacks which might come sneaking in under cover of the darkness from seaward.

CHAPTER VI.

Action Indeed.

Holton's orders were to keep himself and the Gnat hidden, and this he did so effectually that to all intents and purposes he might just as well have gone down with his little craft and crew in Nicholas Channel.

At length, when he had begun to think he was immured for life in this blazing little byway, came the welcome orders to proceed to Port Tampa, there to carry out instructions already in his possession, namely, the protection of transports from attack by water. With light hearts the three men got their craft under way, ran up the bay, and in good time drew in under the counter of a steamship, lying near the end of the long slip.

It was as though a magician's wand had been waved over the port. Along the slip lay transport after transport, nearly a score of them, the black smoke of others draping the horizon in long, grimy clouds. Freight trains were rumbling up and down the tracks, and officers of various departments of the army, their shirts open at the throat, dusty, sweaty, hot, hurried everywhere.

"It surely looks like business," chuckled Holton as he slipped on his uniform coat over a marine's drab shirt and prepared to visit the hotel.

Life at the hotel was made more brilliant by the arrival of Shafter and his staff, but Holton, who had had all the brilliancy and inactivity he wanted, found himself praying fervently for orders that would send him out as officer on one of the vessels of Admiral Sampson's North Atlantic Squadron. But no such orders came, and Holton had just about attuned his mind to a weary grind to last at least several months longer, when something occurred to change very materially the attitude of the government in regard to the movement of the troops as Tampa.

In short, Admiral Sampson cabled that after a mysterious voyage across the Atlantic ocean and Caribbean sea, Admiral Cervera and his squadron of battleships and cruisers were bottled up in Santiago. He could not attack them because of the forts and mines, and he requested that troops be sent at once to co-operate with the navy from the land side.

It was then that the Secretary of War wired General Shafter to proceed forthwith to Cuba.

Flat-cars laden with General Randolph's artillery, rumbled down the slip, and the guns were hoisted into yawning ports in the sides of the transports; provisions, supplies of all sorts bore them company, and no one doubted any longer that at last the army had received its bid to the field of battle.

A new strain was put upon Holton, for now, if at any time, attempts at the destruction of the transports would be made, there being no secrecy whatever as to the intentions of the United States government. Then arrived the day when the boys in blue came in from Lakeland, and, with cheers and shouts, marched aboard the long line of transports, from whose funnels clouds of smoke were belching.

Holton's crew had been augmented by four extra seamen, sent to him from Key West, and each night they stood guard with him on various parts of the deck, rifles in their hands and navy Colts strapped about their waists.

Toward midnight most of the noise, the shouting of orders, the rattling of tackle, the tramp of feet, died away. Holton gave Conroy the wheel, and walked along the deck, speaking to each of the men as he passed.

"Keep a sharp lookout. Challenge anything that looks suspicious, and shoot without hesitation if there's no reply."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Explained.

"I don't understand Smith. He says things are awfully dull in his business and yet he has just bought a new automobile." "Well, you see, sharpening knives is his profession."

MAIL CLERK UTTERS PROTEST

Wail Should Appeal to Those Who Have Habit of Pinning Their Written Sheets Together.

"If people must stick pins into their letters, I wish they would cover up the points so that they wouldn't push through," said a mail clerk whose hands were disfigured by tiny scratches. "I must get about a hundred digs a day from pins that systematic folks use to hold their correspondence together. I never could make out, anyhow, why so many letters need to be finished off with a pin.

"Of course, I understand that about half of those written by women have a postscript in the shape of samples of dress goods or newspaper cuttings, which perhaps require a pin or two to hold them in place, but even that habit cannot account for the large number of letters that come through the postoffice with a pin sticking out of one corner.

"I have come to the conclusion that many writers so mail their manuscript with malicious intent. It may not be us fellows in the postoffice against whom they hold a grudge, but we are the ones that usually get the benefit of those pins."

A Likely Result.

"Where are you going to pass your vacation?"

"Nowhere, now that the pass system has gone out."

SHOTS EXCHANGED ON THE BORDER

American Soldiers Return the Fire of Mexicans.

A FEDERAL REGULAR KILLED

Pascual Orozco Notifies War Office That Unless Money Is Forthcoming His Troops Will Take Field Against Huerta.

Presidio, Tex.—An exchange of shots between Mexican and American soldiers on the American line, two miles west of Presidio, resulted in the death of Luis Orozco, a federal regular from the army of General Mercado.

The Mexicans fired the first shots. Orozco, who lived several hours, admitted after being shot that he and his companion had crossed to the American side with a note, and that when they were halted by the American sentries they fired.

As soon as the shooting across the border became known at United States Army headquarters a warning was sent to the federal commander that the shooting must not be repeated.

According to eye witnesses, the American soldiers on duty near where the shooting took place were informed federal soldiers were hiding in a hut 300 yards from the river on the American side. The Americans went toward the hut to investigate. Two Mexicans rushed from the hut and started running toward the river. The patrol called to them to halt. The only answer was a shot from a rifle of one of the fleeing Mexicans. Then the Americans returned the fire and one of the federals dropped. The other continued firing as he ran.

OROZCO WARNS HUERTA.

Will Turn His Forces Against Him Unless Soldiers Are Paid.

Mexico City.—Pascual Orozco, former leader of the Maderists revolt in the north and lately commander of a division of federal volunteer troops in Chihuahua, notified the War Office that unless he is given an allowance of 3,000 pesos weekly for himself and his troops, he and his division will take the field against Huerta. This lends confirmation to the report from El Paso that another revolution is being fomented under the leadership of Emilio Vasquez Gomez, with the possible support of Felix Diaz.

TO ORGANIZE INVESTORS.

New York Chamber Of Commerce To Act On Plan.

New York.—Action on the plan of Herbert A. Scheftel, member of J. S. Bache & Co., to organize investors all over the country is expected to be taken on December 30, when the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce meets. Mr. Scheftel, speaking of the favor with which his plan is meeting, said: "I am being swamped with letters from all parts of the country commending the plan, and I believe public clamor for it is so great that it will have to be indorsed."

BOMBS RAINED UPON MOORS.

A Flotilla Of Spanish Military Aviators At Work.

Madrid.—A large force of Moorish tribesmen were routed with heavy loss by the Spanish troops at Muley Abselam, Spanish Morocco. Spanish military aviators threw the Moors into disorder with showers of bombs. The Spaniards attacked the Moors with a brigade of sharpshooters, a battalion of infantry, four batteries of artillery and a large body of native auxiliaries.

KILLED ON SANTA CLAUS TRIP.

Team Of Farmer With a Wagon Full Of Toys Runs Away.

Lacrosse, Wis.—August Dietman, a farmer living a few miles west of here, was killed when his team ran away. Dietman was found dead in the road. On the ground and in the wagon were numerous toys he was taking home for Christmas presents.

MRS. ROOSEVELT RETURNS.

She and the Colonel Parted Company At Santiago.

New York.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt returned home from South America, where she left Colonel Roosevelt during his tour of Chile. Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt parted at Santiago on November 26, the Colonel going south to Valparaiso.

KILLED BY LODGE BROTHER.

Dr. Saunders Mistook Friend For a Burglar.

Norfolk, Va.—F. P. Wilson, aged 27 years, was shot and killed by Dr. C. Saunders, who mistook him for a burglar. Members of Wilson's family think the dead man, after having been left on a street corner by persons who were bringing him home, attempted to get into the Saunders house, thinking is was his own. Wilson and Saunders belonged to the same lodge.

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TERMS.—The terms of subscription to the Reporter are one dollar per year in advance.

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

United Evangelical—Tusseyville, morning; Egg Hill, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.

Lutheran—Union, morning; Georges Valley, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.

Reformed—Centre Hall, morning; Tusseyville, afternoon; Spring Mills, Christmas service.

Presbyterian—Centre Hall, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon.

Market Reports.

Wheat, red	$ 90
Corn, on cob, 70 lbs.	60
Corn, shelled, 56 lbs.	66
Rye	65
Oats	40
Barley	55
Hay, Timothy, first grade	14 50
Hay, mixed	12 50
Butter	28
Eggs	27
Lard	11

FLOWERS AS FOOD.

In India the Natives Eat Bassia Tree Blossoms Uncooked.

In these days one would hardly call a dinner of rosebuds a feast, nor should we be inclined to accept an invitation to dine on the blossoms of the pumpkin vine. Yet some Indians, like the old Aztecs, used to esteem these flowers, when properly prepared, a great dainty.

So, in the same way, do natives of many parts of India depend for food upon the blossoms of the bassia tree. They do not need even to cook the flowers, but make a good meal of them raw. These blossoms are described as sweet and sickly in odor and taste. They are sometimes dried in the sun, when they are kept and sold in bazaars as a regular article of diet.

The trees are so highly esteemed that the threat of cutting down their bassia trees will generally bring an unruly tribe to terms. This is perhaps not to be wondered at when it is considered that a single tree will yield from 200 to 400 pounds of flowers. The Parsees cook the flowers and also make sweetmeats of them.

"Nobody would be inclined to deny that smoked fish and smoked meat are agreeable varieties in our bill of fare, but few, perhaps, would feel ready to plead guilty to a taste for smoked flowers. And yet, when we give to the clove its well earned place among flavorings we are making use of a smoked flower bud. The buds grow on a small evergreen and are plucked from the ends of the branches before they expand. Then they are dried in the sun and smoked over a wood fire to give them the brown color.—Philadelphia Press.

USELESS THINGS.

Ghosts of the Past That Were Formidable In Their Time.

"An enumeration of the useless," says Richard Jeffries, "would almost be an enumeration of everything hitherto pursued."

What a pile of junk the men of the world labored to produce!

Heap up all the books that are of no possible use, the contents of ancient libraries, books of heraldries, theogonies and discarded sciences, books of wrangling and tedious arguments the world has willingly forgot, and the myriads of chaff products that pour like a ceaseless Niagara from the modern press; heap them up into one mountain, and from its top you could look down upon the Himalayas.

Think of the ruined cities of the orient, the ghostly temples of Egypt, the broken fragments of castles by the Rhine and the Danube, the Coliseum, the Golden House of Nero, the Garden of Hadrian at Tivoli! Think of the useless sciences men studied, the faded religions they once believed, the inconsequential wars of history, the reams of antiquated law, the gold gathered together only to be misspent! Think of the useless passions, dreams, thoughts and desires of men!

One is sometimes tempted to think that we front the great questions of life, love and death as freshly, with as little advantage from experience, as the cave man.—Dr. Frank Crane in Woman's World.

When Women Knew Not Golf.

A correspondent sends the Glasgow Herald some anecdotes of that period, not so long ago, when women knew nothing of golf. One lady, making sympathetic conversation at dinner, said to a keen golfer: "I often see you in your red coat. Do you need many dogs to play golf?" A younger lady said she knew exactly how the game was played. "They get what they call a caddier to hunt about in the grass till they find a round stone, and then they hit it into a rabbit hole." A third lady, who had evidently enjoyed a nearer view of the game, said: "It is played by two men. One is a gentleman and the other is a common man. The common man sticks a ball on a lump of dirt, and the gentleman knocks it off!"—Westminster Gazette.

A Light That Failed.

She—Did you marry that girl you used to say was the light of your life? He—No; I decided to live in the dark.—Cleveland Leader.

You never can tell. The fellow who blows his own horn isn't always the best musician in the band.

Harris Township.

Boalsburg is doing things It is a village unincorporated, but it will soon have conveniences not shared by many boroughs in Centre and other counties. It is now using water from its new water plant. The supply comes from Reitz's gap, and is conveyed through ten inch iron pipes. The plant is incomplete, but far enough advanced to permit residents of the town to be guaranteed that during all seasons there will be an adequate supply of water for domestic and power purposes.

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About the beginning of February Boalsburg residents will be afforded an opportunity to light their homes with electricity, and the streets will also be lighted. A local corporation is installing the plant. The poles have already been erected, and the foundation walls for the power house are also completed and ready for the timbers. A portion of land was purchased from William Meyers, near the bridge, and here the power house will be located. Water power will be used to run the dynamos, the large supply of water led here having been brought from the Reitz gap with that purpose in view. All this indicates that we are forging ahead, that our men of means have the welfare of their home town in constant view.

The poles were set and furnished by contract by Walker Shutt, and the foundation walls for the power house was constructed by John Gingerich, concrete being the material used.

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A musical entertainment will be given in Boalsburg, Saturday evening, January 3rd, at 7:45 o'clock in Boal Hall, under the auspices of the Knights of Malta, entitled "A Tale of a Hat". This musical comedy will be rendered by a select octette, with pianoist and musical director. It is a play full of good music, with a vein of humor running thorough the entire program. Programs will be distributed giving a fuller description of play. Admission, 25 cents.

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Our stores are all resplendent in their Christmas dress.

County Superintendent D. O. Etters visited the schools last week.

Dr. Foster of Centre Hall examined the pupils in the public schools on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bitner of Tusseyville spent Sunday at Boalsburg.

Paul Rupp, a student at the Mercersburg Academy, is home for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. John Wright with her little son Charles visited with friends at Milroy and Tyrone.

J. H. Weber with his grand-daughter, Mary Weber of Centre Hall spent Monday at Boalsburg.

Miss Mabel Brown spent several weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Worrel, at Milroy.

Mrs. Reuben Stuart of Bellevue enjoyed the latter part of Advent at her former home at Boalsburg.

Amos Tyson of Greensburg visited with Mrs. E. E. Brown and James Searson and family during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hosterman with their little daughter, Jane of Penn Hall visited at Boalsburg from Saturday until Monday.

Rev. S. C. Stover, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Stover and son Riley, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kuhn, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer and Mrs. S. J. Wagner attended the funeral of Miss Anna Durst at Centre Hall on Saturday.

T. D. Boal with his mother, Mrs. George Boal, and his sister-in-law, Mademoiselle Cecile DeLagarde, departed from their winter home at Washington, Wednesday of last week, for New York, from there they sailed for Europe where they will visit with relatives and attend to business matters. The trip on the part of Mr. Boal became necessary on account of the death of his brother-in-law, who fell from an air ship and was killed. The fall was but a distance of fifteen feet, but proved fatal.

Spring Mills.

Robert Neese of Auburn, N. Y., is visiting his sisters, Misses Alice and Lavina Neese.

Miss Elva Limbert of Hecla is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. C. J. Decker.

Mrs. Charles Royer went to Mercersburg on Tuesday to spend Christmas with her son, Rev. J. V. Royer and family.

Miss Carrie Eberhart of Union county spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Frank McClellan.

Mrs. Maurice Miller of Bellefonte spent a few days with her niece, Mrs. Huston Long.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Zubler attended the funeral of Mrs. Voneida at Jacksonville on Friday.

P. J. Leitzel of Belvidere, Ill., is spending some time with relatives.

Mr. Royer of Ohio bought a car of cattle, which will be shipped to Ohio next week.

Charles W. Atherton, a former citizen of Philipsburg, died in Dubois, his present home. He was aged sixty-three years.

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J. H. WEBER

Our best wishes for the Christmas season.

The goods we offer are not classed in the Christmas shopping list, but they are such nevertheless that are indispensable to Christmas cheer.

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Badger Dairy Feed, especially adapted for the production of milk.

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Machinery in season: FEED MILLS FODDER CRUSHER MANURE SPREADER

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Roofing — Galvanized STEEL. Quality not surpassed.

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After the Holiday season we will offer the highest market prices for dressed pork. Consult before you sell.

J. H. WEBER
CENTRE HALL

LOCAL.

Mrs. Edward W. Crawford is suffering from lumbago, and her mother, Mrs. George Spangler, is also ill at the Crawford home.

Mrs. Laura Lee and Miss Rebecca Derstine, who since September have had charge of a fraternity house at State College, are in Centre Hall during the vacation the students at Penn. State are having. They are much pleased with the work.

Herman Yoder, thirty-two years old, fell from a silo which he was painting, and when found was dead. The accident occurred on the Yoder farm, near McVeytown. The man fell a distance of thirty feet. His work had almost been completed.

Undertaker Goodhart is receiving many congratulations on his ability to conduct a funeral. He has given embalming much study, and is particularly efficient in that art. There is much satisfaction in knowing that some one in the community is thoroughly capable of properly caring for a dead body.

Potters Mills

Mrs. Perry McKinney spent several days last week at Danville and Harrisburg.

Mrs. C. S. Thomas left for New York on Tuesday to spend Christmas with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Carson and Miss Nellie Wilkinson spent Monday afternoon in Bellefonte.

W. E. Montgomery left on Saturday for his home at Chambersburg, where he expects to spend two weeks.

Clayton McKinney's three children are here from Altoona visiting with their grandfather and other friends. Their father will join them on Christmas.

Georges Valley.

Mrs. Susan Davis spent Sunday in Poe Valley with her daughter, Mrs. Morris Lingle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ripka visited at the home of E. L. Lingle on Sunday.

Prayer-meeting was held at the home of George Michael, at Beaver Dam, for the benefit of his mother, Mrs. Nancy Michael, who is ill.

A number of people from the valley attended the protracted meeting at Paradise on Sunday evening.

Miss Lizzie Wert of Brush Valley is spending a week at the J. W. Gobble home.

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Going out of Business Sale is in full sway and the large crowd of buyers si increasing daily, which proves that we positively mean what we advertise, and that we are surely giving greater bargains and the best and more merchandise for the money than ever heard of before. We are positively quitting the Millheim Store on the 1st of April, and we will positively not move a single dollar's worth of merchandise. It makes no difference how new our stock is, or what the value may be, everthing must be converted into cash in the shortest possible time.

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A few of the many Christmas presents in our store are: Jewelry, Rings, Bracelets, Cuff Links, Tie Clasps, Scarf Pins, Hat Pins, Bar Pins, La Valliers, Flanelette Kimonos, Dressing Sacques, Table Linens, and Damask Towels, China and Aluminum Ware, Christmas Tree Ornaments, also lots of Christmas Candies, Figs Dates, Oranges, Nuts, Malaga Grapes, etc.

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PRICES NOT ADVANCED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

W. H. STUART, Boalsburg

Died at Hospital.

Mrs. James B. Wagner died at the Medico Chi hospital, Philadelphia, on Monday evening. Mrs. Wagner was taken to the hospital about ten days previous to her death from her home at Herndon, where the family has lived for a number of years. She was operated on Wednesday of last week, and for four weeks previous she had been ill.

The body was shipped to Centre Hall on Wednesday afternoon, and from here conveyed to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Fleisher, at Colyer from which place the funeral will be held on Saturday morning, the same to be conducted by Rev. F. H. Foss, pastor of the United Evangelical church. Interment will be made at Tusseyville.

The husband and these children—Ward, aged sixteen; Francis, aged thirteen, and Bernice, aged ten years, survive. There also survive eight sisters and two brothers, namely: Mrs. (Rev.) A. J. Horner, Port Allegheny; Mrs. A. J. Gettig, Braddock; Mrs. H. C. Gettig, Yeagertown; Mrs. W. J. Copenhaver, Tyrone; Mrs. H. A. McClellan, Tusseyville; Mrs. D. C. Forringer, Reedsville; Mrs. D. S. Wert, Aaronsburg; W. A. and H. E. Fleisher, Yeagertown; Miss Orpha at home.

Death of Mrs. Celinda Bower.

Mrs. Celinda Bower, nee Heller, died at her home in Aaronsburg, on Sunday. She was born in Dauphin county, January 2nd, 1832, and at the time of her death was aged eighty-one years, eleven months and nineteen days. Mother Bower was baptized in infancy by Rev. J. P. Shindle and was at the time of death, a member of the United Evangelical church. On August 19th, 1851, she was married at Loganton to William W. Bower, who still survives, but has been helpless for the last few years from paralysis. To this union there were born five children. Those living are Mrs. Alice Stover, Haines township; Mrs. Perisd Bowersox, Seanor; E. A. and J. W. Bower, both of Aaronsburg. There are nine grand children and nine great grand children. The funeral services were held Wednesday forenoon in charge of Rev. W. J. Dice. Interment was made in the cemetery at Wolfe's Chapel.

Coming Home for Christmas.

There is the usual homecoming this Christmas season. Communities like Centre Hall are the producers of the leaven that makes the dough rise in the larger centers—commercial and otherwise. The younger of the many generations that have gone out into the world from Centre Hall make an effort to reach the old home place, while the older ones have established homes for themselves, and are enjoying the Yule-tide there with their children. That is the way of this world. There are with us, in the prettiest and loveliest spot in all the kingdom today these, all of whom are enjoying the festive season: Misses Cora Luse and Isabel Rowe, students at Central State Normal School, Lock Haven; Ruth Smith, student at Bloomsburg Normal School, Bloomsburg; William Reish, Mercersburg Academy; Sarah Neff, Ralph Bitner and Gross Allison, Pennsylvania State College; Harry Hubler, railroad man, Pine; Miss Lizzie Boozer, a teacher in the public schools, Salix; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boozer, the former an electrician, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs William A. Magee, the former connected with the Customs House, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. William Reitz, the former principal of a township High School, Jarrettsville, Maryland; Roy Puff, Milton; Miss Mary Delinda Potter, preceptress in the Richburg (New York) High School; S. Paul Dinges, insurance, Meadville; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Getchell and son, Youngwood; Miss Eloise Schuyler, teacher in the public school, Cape May.

LOCALS

Mrs. Elizabeth Worrick Everhart, wife of the late ex-sheriff William Everhart, died in Lock Haven.

The board of pardons refused to interfere in the case of John O. Keeler, the Clearfield murderer, and he will therefore be hanged January 5th.

Rev. Jacob Diehl, pastor of the English Lutheran church, Lock Haven, while on a visit to his mother in Greencastle, became ill, and was unable to hold services last Sunday.

An unsigned communication was received this week, and, of course, it is not printed. Those who make contributions must not forget that all communications for publication must bear a signature.

Howard J. Thompson will be the manager of the State Central Electric Company's business at Bellefonte and will move his family from Philipsburg to that place in the near future. It will be recalled this company purchased the electric plants at both State College and Bellefonte.

It doesn't look as though the new penitentiary was boosting Bellefonte, or if the locating of the institution near that town is doing good of any kind, it is unappreciated, for in their news columns the Bellefonte papers speak of the penitentiary being located near State College.

Marriage Licenses.

Harry E. G. Cox, Derry
Edith M. Henry, Derry
Samuel E. Noll, Pleasant Gap
Ruth M. Kerstetter, Pleasant Gap
James F. F. Legrand, Alport
Fannie E. Whetton, Tylerstown
Earl Clark, Karthaus
Edna McDowell, Nittany
Clyde C. Stover, Aaronsburg
Mable E. Zerby, Spring Mills
Wm. D. Lucas, State College
Minnie M. Parker, State College
Lee A. Kidder, Rebersburg
Lula M. Stover, Millheim
Winfield S. Markle, State College
Maude M. Walker, State College
Frank T. Armagast, Spring Mills
Emma L. Steffen, Aaronsburg

Currency Bill a Law.

President Wilson signed the Glass-Owen currency bill at 6:01 o'clock Tuesday evening, in the presence of members of his cabinet, the congressional committees on banking and currency and Democratic leaders in Congress generally.

With a few strokes of the pen, the President converted into law the measure to be known as the federal reserve act, reorganizing the nation's banking and currency system, and furnishing, in the words of the President "the machinery for free and elastic and uncontrolled credits," put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first time in fifty years."

A Quilting Party.

Mrs. William Walker, west of Centre Hall, gave a quilting party one day last week, at which the dinner served played an important part. The ladies present were: Mrs. Sowers, Mrs. Burris, Mrs. Charles Burris, Mrs. George W. Ralston, Mrs. Frank Osman, Mrs. B. Walker, Mrs. Robert Bloom, Mrs. Daniel Callahan, Mrs. Lee Brooks, Mrs. William Brooks, Mrs. Clyde E. Dutrow, Mrs. William Parker, Mrs. Raymond Walker, Misses Mabel Walker, Ruth Callahan, Mamie Parker and Mamie Brooks.

Reporter Register

Alice S. Bartges, Detroit, Michigan
Mrs. John Lucas, Centre Hall
Martin M. Keller, Centre Hall
Franklin Moyer, Centre Hall
Anna Smith, Stella Hosterman, Spring Mills
Mrs. Geo. E. Heckman and daughters, Vera and Fernie, Centre Hall
Samuel Klinefelter, Colyer
Frank D. Lee, Bellefonte
Ray Sharer, Centre Hall

A reformer is simply a man who tries to convert other people to his way of thinking.

Blessed is the peacemaker, because he has to live down the reputation of being a busybody.

LOCALS.

There are but two prisoners in fort Lee.

In spite of the beef trust the vegetarian might be able to make both ends meet.

Mrs. Mary E. Christine of Elysburg came to Centre Hall last week and will be a guest of her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Moore, for several weeks. She is accompanied by her grandson, Chester Christine, a son of Calvin Christine.

The stork brought a son to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Campbell, at Penns Cave, and he has been named William Dicken. The youth is fine and fat, and will add to the Christmas joys of the Campbell family.

Included in the New Sunday Record of January 4th, and thereafter, will be a four page colored comic section, an enlarged magazine section and a new serial story, "The Adventure of Kathlyn", by Harold McGrath, as well as other added features. The Record is the greatest newspaper published in Philadelphia.

Checking It Up to Father.

That parents should exercise the greatest care in speaking of family secrets in the presence of little children was proved by the experience of a North avenue resident recently:

The man in question was visiting a maiden aunt, who is extremely stout and very sensitive about it.

A four-year-old boy who accompanied his father looked very carefully at the rotund form of his relative and then inquired, with a friendly smile:

"Aunt Myrtle, you don't have to put ashes in the bed to keep from slipping out, do you?"

Then when the man held up his hands in consternation the youngster exclaimed:

"There, papa; she says she doesn't."—Youngstown Telegram.

Fun In Space.

I dreamed last night that I was present at a committee meeting of the sun, earth, moon and stars.

"I'm no coward," said the earth.

"No, but you have two great fears," said the sun hotly.

"And those are?"

"The hemispheres."

"You've forgotten the atmosphere," put in the moon. And the comet, who had no business to be there, wagged his tail with joy.

Two Serious Matters.

"There are two things," remarked Fog in a contemplative mood, "that I don't understand. One of these is, how the world got along before I came into it, and the other, how it is going to get along after I have left it."—London Opinion.

Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues.—Fuller.

Centre Reporter, $1.00 a year.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

The Useful and Appreciated Kinds are the most desirable

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Don't forget the Candy! The children will be looking for it. To them, Christmas without candy is like the "Fourth" without fire crackers—it's not real We have the candy—any amount and any kind of it—toy, mixture, and all chocolate—all wholesome and good. The old folks like the taste of candy at Christmas time, too. Buy lots of candy; its the best as well as the cheapest Christmas gift.

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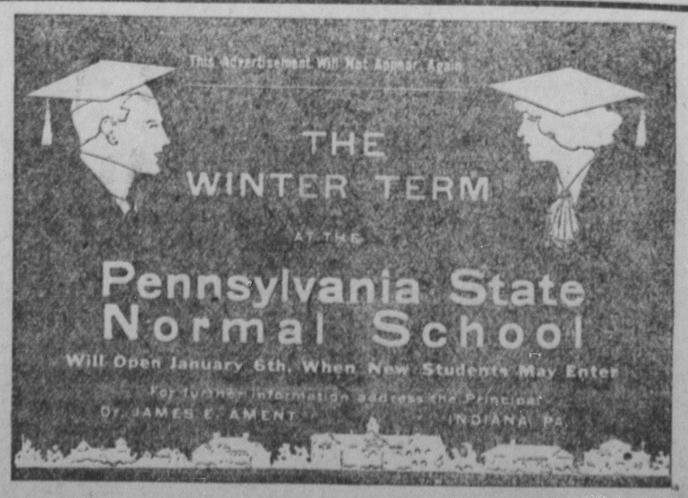
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ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of JARED MURRAY, late of the borough of Centre Hall, Pa., deceased.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been duly granted to the undersigned, he would respectfully request persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

H. F. BITNER,
42 0.2 Centre Hall, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE—LETTERS of administration on the estate of Roland B. Treaster, late of Potter township, deceased.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been duly granted to the undersigned, he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

JOHN F TREASTER,
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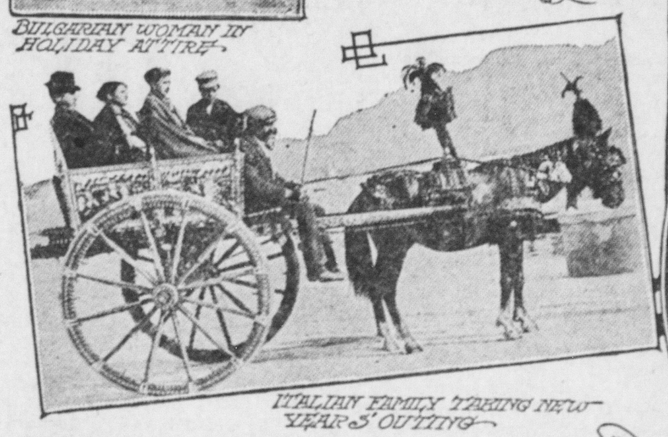


ITALIAN FAMILY TAKING NEW YEAR'S OUTING

GERMAN STUDENTS CELEBRATING NEW YEARS

NOWHERE does New Year's ceremony mean more than in the land of the little people whose faces have become familiar to us on paper fans. Indeed, from a national point of view, this season is the greatest occasion of the year.

Elaborate preparations are made long in advance. Houses are cleaned inside and out. Doorways are decorated with rice ropes and fern leaves and evergreen. Every housewife buys a pot or two of "prosperous age plant," a miniature pine tree, some bamboo, and some plum twigs, to win for her home by ornaments like these the favor of the jealous deities that guard the future.

The city streets resound with the mallet blows of the dough pounders making "mochi," the Japanese equivalent of plum pudding. All debts are paid. New clothes are bought. There are toys for the children, and picture cards that bring good fortune and are good to dream on when tied securely to the wooden pillow.

O, happy New Year! Day will hardly dawn before each town and village will be stirring. There is so much to do in celebration. First there will come the ceremonial breakfast, when the health of all the family must be drunk in that rice wine called "zoni." Then visits must be paid to all acquaintance. Father will wear no more the traditional costume, fantastic and peculiar. For him the frock coat now, of European manufacture. But mother, in her quaint kimono and elaborate headdress, will look just as she has looked on New Year's day since time immemorial.

The children will be decked out in gorgeous colors; they will throng the streets, clattering along on their wooden clogs in pigeon toed but joyful haste, and shouting "Banzai!" to friends and foreigners. In the streets clowns will perform strange antics, exclaiming loudly meanwhile:

"Hail, hail, ye gods of heaven and earth! Significant omens are in the air, and the universe is full of lucky signs."

To accompaniment of flute and drum, two-legged lions will give the "lions' dance" in masque. Strange masqueraders will dart hither and thither through streets and temple gardens.

It will be a happy time for Japanese children. For three glad days every little girl will expect to play her favorite game of shuttlecock and battledore. The boys will fly their brand new kites. The children will play games with brightly colored balls, chanting countless rhymes. Grown people will play New Year's card games. The firemen will give acrobatic exhibitions on their ladders. Every nook and corner of Japan will be in gala dress and gala mood.

Northern France is not far behind Japan in appreciation of the significance of the New Year. There Christmas, so important on our calendar, is scarcely celebrated, except by attendance at midnight mass and by a festal supper. But the last night of the year, the "Vigil of St. Silvestre," calls for observance, and the first day of the new year, "le jour de l'an," or "le jour d'etrene," is dedicated to the renewal of friendship and to general gift giving.

So universal, in fact, has the custom become of giving presents and pretty little souvenirs that the expression "bonne etrene" means good fortune and "mal etrenne" misfortune. Candy and flowers are acceptable gifts in France, but there is only one real rule in the matter—a New Year's gift must not be useful.

In most Scotch households, as in France, New Year's day takes the place of Christmas, an evidence of ancient sympathy when both countries regarded England as a mutual enemy. On the last night of the year, in rural district, groups of men and boys go disguished from house to house singing curious songs, such as this:

Rise up, good wife, and shak' yer feathers.
Dinna think that we are beggars;
We are bairnies come to play.
Rise up and give us hogmanay.

When they have received the cakes and coins they expect they go on to the next place, first, however, having chalked the house, in token of good luck. Next morning all the children get up early and view with wide and interested eyes the blue and white marks that decorate every dwelling in the village.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS CELEBRATING NEW YEARS

Scotland is, as well, the land of cakes, and at this season the bakers' shops are filled with toothsome dainties, sugar covered and mottoed in ice.

Germany observes various customs. Calls are made on January 1, and gifts are exchanged; delicious little cakes are eaten in honor of the festal day. Different neighborhoods have characteristic rites and superstitions.

Thus, in the Black Forest a workman likes to work a little bit at his trade the first day of the year, to coax luck in business; most picturesque is the vender of clocks, who sets out to sell one at least of his wares. Munich drinks deep to the health of the season in good Bavarian brew.

Jena, whose people recognize descent from those ancient Germans who believed in a god that brought light and warmth each year into the world to overcome the cold and dark of winter, builds in its public square at New Year's time a great bonfire, which typifies this ever new gift of the genial old deity that loved warmth and gave light.

Thither at midnight the people carry the things they wish to cast out of their lives with the old year.

Fire as a New Year's symbol is favored in Wales, as well. There fires are burned on New Year's day to purify the house for the entrance of a new and gladsome era; and the ashes are kept sacredly from year to year, esteemed for special medicinal virtues.

The ringing of bells to announce the death of the old year and the birth of the new one is common in England and Scotland and in some parts of the United States. In many English churches impressive midnight services are held.

In the dales of Westmoreland it is usual to open the west door to let the old year out and to open the east door to let the new year in.

In England it is still an enjoyable practice to offer a mince pie to every caller during the last week of the old year, for every pie eaten under a different roof represents a happy month during the year to come. Often as January 1 draws near one hears the expression:

"Thanks, I have eaten my twelve, so please excuse me."

What probably is the strangest New Year's rite is held in the Cevennes mountains, in southern France. At the last evening mass of the old year the herds and flocks of the peasantry are gathered before the portico of the little stone church high up on the mountain side and are blessed by the priest and sprinkled with holy water by the acolyte who follows him, in order that that this, the sole wealth of the countryside, may increase and prosper during the year to come.

The sight of the holy hour is wonderful. As the church bell tolls above them the frightened animals bleat and bellow and try madly to escape. First the oxen are blessed, then the cows, next the sheep and lambs, and finally the goats and pigs.

Throughout Europe many delightful customs prevail. In Scandinavia a feast is always prepared for the little birds, which might otherwise go hungry, on account of the deep snows.

In Holland, as in Scotland, the wind is noted with care, because the luck of the year will be determined by the direction whence it blows. The south wind brings heat and fertility, the west wind milk and fish, the north wind cold and storm, and east wind a fruitful season.

In Italy the New Year is a day of greeting and good will and special feasting. Sicilian peasants take advantage of the fete to drive to town in their gay carts, so that the country roads are merry with the music of tinkling bells.

And Swiss folk, practical, industrious, stop their work for the nonce and visit friends, even when they have to carry their babies down the mountain slopes in cradles on their heads.

Bulgaria's heart history is of especial moment just now. On happy New Year's day in Bulgarian villages the small boys run from house to house waving branches of the cornel tree and shouting greetings as they tap all they meet with the luck bringing branches.

Bulgarian girls go through an interesting ceremony in an effort to pry into the secrets of the days to come. On New Year's eve a queen, chosen by lot, guards a kettle full of water, in which both men and maidens have dropped finger rings or some personal trinkets. Till dawn she watches.

Then to an open place in the center of the village she takes the precious kettle, covered with a cloth, a dancing, singing crowd following her. An oracle, who has been selected for eloquence of speech, proclaims successive fortunes. He cries:

"The lucky girl whose ring shall appear shall marry the best man in the village."

The queen of the festival dips her hand into the kettle and brings forth a ring, and its owner receives it from her secure in the belief that good luck betides her matrimonially before another New Year.

GETTING BACK.

"Why do you insist on trying to sell me beefsteak and beans and buckwheat cakes?" demanded the barber. "I told you all I wanted was two fried eggs."

"Well, I was in your shop yesterday," retorted the restaurant man. "All I wanted was a shave, but you bulldozed me into a shampoo, a foam fizz, and a tonic rub."

A SAD AWAKENING.

"Warden, where are my flowers? Give me those flowers."

"Those flowers are for an embezzler in the next cell."

"Flowers for an embezzler, with a murderer in the same jail? A life of crime is not what I was led to expect."

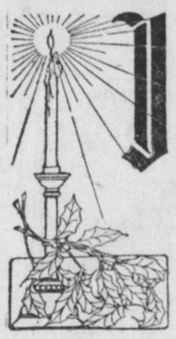
NOT DIFFICULT.

"I wish I could do something startling," said Gladys Gloom, sick unto death with ennui.

"Well, Gladys, that is easily accomplished," said her close friend, Bella Blazes. "Go back to that little old-fashioned town where you were born and smoke a cigarette on the public square."

CHRISTMAS FOR TWO

By THOMAS L. MASSON



IT IS a common mistake to suppose that we are creatures controlled by reason. In reality, we are the children of impulse. Our environment often forces us to conclusions which seem to be based upon reason, but are due to a multiplicity of outward sensations impinging upon our minds.

If I had been a reasonable being, I should never have fallen in love with Miss Galbraith. It was an illogical proceeding, because it made my presidency of the Bachelors' club, which I had formed three years before, extremely uncertain—or, at least, it seemed to make it uncertain.

Nothing was more desirable than my club. We had every comfort, in addition to good fellowship; and the fact that we were all members did not preclude us from the society of women. Indeed, it gave a zest to that society, for it seemed to surround us with an additional safeguard.

Miss Galbraith's father had left her several millions. She owned the building in which our club was quartered. The agent had called on me only three weeks before Christmas to tell me that we must either sign another three years' lease, or vacate on the 1st of January. There were twenty-two of us, and we had already agreed—it was in the constitution—that the club should be immediately disbanded if any member got married. We all knew Miss Galbraith, and we were all in love with her; but as yet no man had been sufficiently disloyal—or successful—to break the spell.

I caught Fenson, our vice-president, calling on Miss Galbraith one night; and afterward, in the club rooms, we had it out.

"Look here, old man," I said, "it seems to me that you are taking chances. Of course, you don't care about the money; but you can't play around fire. Why, the future of this club depends on your keeping away from that girl!"

"You're a nice man to talk," said Fenson. "What in the world are you doing around there? You ought to set a better example."

"Of course, you ought," repeated Van Olcott, coming up. "Why, I had some sense of honor about it myself; but when I saw you going, I made up my mind that I might as well go, too."

"That's the way you fellows all reason," I said hotly. "Why, during the week, the entire club is around at Miss Galbraith's! The other night we couldn't get a quorum to discuss the renewal of our lease. At any moment some member may get her."

I said this without much fear. I had reason to believe that if the club was disbanded, it wouldn't be anybody's fault but my own.

"She's bothered to death," I added. "It's a shame, fellows, for able-bodied men like you to annoy a young girl like that!"

I felt so sympathetic about it, indeed, that the next afternoon I called on Miss Galbraith to learn the facts.

"Is it true," I asked, "that the fellows in my crowd come around here constantly? I suppose it must be so, as I meet them here all the time. That's the reason why I came this afternoon," I added softly. "The evenings are too crowded."

The dear girl looked tired.

"Yes, it is true," she replied. "You know that twenty-two young men, constantly succeeding one another, are rather trying."

"It's wearing on you, isn't it?" I said.

"Dreadfully. I am going away."

I experienced a sudden shock of pain.

"Oh, don't say that!" I exclaimed. "I'll do something about it. I'll make them pass a resolution that they aren't to call so often—say, one man a week during the year. Anything to keep you here!"

"Oh, I'm only going away for Christmas!" she said, "just for a rest. Dear old New York! I hate to leave it at this season, but I know how it will be. They never could keep away, and I shall break down if I don't get a few days off."

The thought made me boil.

"By Jove!" I exclaimed. "This is a pretty mess, isn't it? Here's a bachelors' club, sworn to remain single, and all of us working nights to go back on ourselves and to bother the life out of you. We're actually driving you away from town at the best time of the year. It's a shame!"

"Never mind," she said softly. "I need a change, anyway. I am going to open up my country place, and have a real country Christmas." She looked at me appealingly. "How would you like to run down there for the holidays?"

Her words went through me like an electric shock. So I was the chosen one! I had suspected it for some time.

"Do you really mean it?" I asked.

I could see even then the magnificent stretches of country surrounding her beautiful estate, and the stately mansion in the center. Everything was there that the mind or heart could wish, and I was to be lord of it all. Not that I cared for the money—I felt that she knew that.

"Certainly I mean it. You can run down the day before and stay over for a few days. My aunt will chaperon us. Now, you must go, as I have some business to attend to."

It seemed too good to be true. For the next week I went about as one in a dream. Luck was with me, even to the elements, for the day before Christmas dawned unclouded, and gave me the opportunity to run my car down to Miss Galbraith's instead of taking the train, which I detest.

It was only a seventy-mile run. I arrived at six o'clock. As I stepped into the hall, I noticed an unusual commotion. Suddenly, from behind a pillar, a form sprang forth. It was that of Fenson.

"Hello, old man! All the boys are here!"

"The boys!" I exclaimed. "What the deuce do you mean?"

At that instant I gazed around me. The hall was piled with merchandise, like a warehouse. Boxes of candy of every conceivable shape mounted to the ceiling like a pyramid. A mass of the latest holiday books towered aloft on the other side, and in the center were flowers, ranged in geometrical masses. Her Christmas gifts.

"Good heavens!" I cried again, as, from all the four corners of the establishment there issued, one by one the twenty-two members of my club. "Can it be?"

They sorrowfully grouped themselves about me, and Fenson, burying his head on my shoulder, almost wept as he replied:

"Yes, old fellow, it is too true. She has invited every man Jack down here to spend Christmas with her, and an hour ago she skipped back to town all by herself!"

There was a solemn pause. The truth was painful, but we felt that we must meet it like men.

"Boys," I whispered, "we could follow her back; but, inasmuch as we are all in the same boat, I move that we stay here for the holiday and have a ripping old time, and that the secretary be immediately empowered to telephone her agent that we will take another three years' lease."

"Second the motion," said Fenson.

And it was carried unanimously.

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LOOKED THE PART.

Stranger (in the wild west)—Who acted as Santa Claus in your camp last Christmas?

Alkali Ike—Cherokee Charley. We tarred and feathered him fer hoss stealin'.

Christmas Proverbs.

Santa Claus makes the heart grow fonder.

A fair exchange is no Christmas gift.

The kissed girl doesn't dread the mistletoe.

One-half the world doesn't know how the other half spends Christmas.

A pretty girl needs no mistletoe.

A Christmas present in the stocking is worth two in the store window.—Woman's Home Companion.

Great Mystery Solved.

"Papa, what does Santa Claus do between Christmases?"

"Hides from his creditors."

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy In Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Wireless telegraphy is to be taught to the Boys' Department of the Hazleton Y. M. C. A.

Picture-show devotees in Schuylkill county can see "movie" shows with credit slips, and settle on payday.

Ministers have invited the Rev. Henry C. Stough, the evangelist, to conduct a campaign in Hazleton.

Mrs. Susan Stambaugh, 73 years old, of Thomasville, claims the quilting record for York county, having completed 147 of these bedcoverings in 12 years.

Judge Scott has signed an order releasing from the Glen Mills School for Girls Fjieda Seidt, whose record in the ten months she has been there is reported to be perfect.

Alarmed at reports of white slave operations in New York theatres, proprietors of Harrisburg "movies" have made special reservation for unescorted young women.

A quilt that contains 1000 names of Lancaster citizens, done in needlework, featured the exhibit arranged for the benefit of St. Mark's parish at that place.

Franklin County Court has granted complete separation to Frank and Ann Dennis, the former being known as "the watercress man," and each has the right to marry again.

When foreigners rushed panic-stricken from a burning shanty near the plant of the Penn-Allen Cement Company, Bath, they left an infant behind them, and Chief Cooley, of the company's fire department, saved it.

At Easton, C. R. Wallander, employed at the plant of the Treadwell Engineering Company, broke one of his arm, caught in a belt. Less than an hour later his wife fell at her home and also fractured an arm.

The Rev. E. L. McLean, pastor of the Grace Reformed Church of Frederick, Md., and a native of Berk's county, has been elected to the pastorate of the First Reformed Church of Quakertown.

While Mrs. Lem Reiter, of Coplay, an employe of the Coplay silk mill, was standing inside the gates at the Lehigh Valley Railroad crossing she was run down by a shifting engine and sustained severe injuries.

There is a sweet oil well on the Wagner farm, near Bradford, McKean county. Fred M. Wagner noticed some bees around the bandwheel, and in an examination discovered 85 pounds of honey between the band and tug wheels.

Because the voters turned down a loan for school purposes Superintendent of Schools Bellows, of Meadville, Crawford county, has notified the directors who employ him that some solution to remedy crowded conditions must be found before promotions are again made.

The Atlas Cement Company has leased the plant formerly occupied by the Catasauqua Castings Company, and alterations and improvements are now being made. Part of the plant will be used in making experiments with cement and slag, and it is rumored that the foundry will also be put into operation.

Raising chickens as a side line, Harry Wright, clerk for the Delaware & Hudson Company at Scranton, went to New York city with a hen and won first prize at the poultry show held in Grand Central Palace. The hen is a fine specimen of the rose comb Rhode Island Red, with top feathers of red and the under feathers a salmon color.

On the Smeckenbecher farm, near New Albany, Bradford county, a well recently drilled gives water at the rate of a gallon a minute. The well is 100 feet in depth, 60 feet being drilled through ordinary soil and 40 feet through solid rock, and the bucket dumps at arm's reach from the farm kitchen window. The product is soft water, pure, cool and sparkling.

Miss Fanny Ferry, of Freeland, and Marvin A. Shales, of Wilkes-Barre, are the only residents of Luzerne county who successfully passed recent examinations for pharmacists before the State Pharmaceutical Board.

Sheriff Murphy, of Schuylkill county, is besieged with requests for admission to the execution of John Shuhsinsky on January 15. Charles F. Ditchey will succeed Sheriff Murphy before that time, and has announced that only official witnesses will see Shuhsinsky die.

COMMERCIAL

Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

Dun's Review says:

"While evidences accumulate of the reactionary trend of business a disposition is manifest in some quarters to take a more hopeful view of the general outlook. Sentiment in financial circles has improved, noticeably of late, and it is significant that a better feeling exists in the iron and steel trade, particularly in the Pittsburgh district. Reports from that center indicate larger buying of railway equipment than for several months, and concessions in prices are of less frequent occurrence, thus suggesting that the bottom point has about been reached."

Bradstreet's says:

"Out of the rather confused reports received this week there are obtainable items of cheerful import, though the quieting down of some industries has made further progress. Retail trade is irregularly better as the result of winter weather and the advance of the holiday season. This is not general, because the Northwest, Southwest and Pacific Coast note continuance of unseasonable weather.

"Jobbing trade tends to quiet as inventory season approaches. Wholesale and far-future trade is still under the check rein of conservatism."

Wholesale Markets

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot irregular; No. 2 red, 100c nominal elevator, domestic, and 101 f o b afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 98¾ f o b afloat.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 3 yellow, 78½c c i f to arrive.

Butter—Firm; receipts, 3,500 tubs. Creamery, extras, 36@37c; held, extras, 31½@33; process, extras, 24½@25½.

Eggs—Fresh gathered extras, 40@42c; extra firsts, 38@39; firsts, 36@37; seconds, 32@35; refrigerator, special marks, fancy, 30; firsts, 28½@29½; seconds, 27@28; State, Pennsylvania and nearby mixed colors, 38@41.

Dressed Poultry—Western chickens, 12@23c; fowls, 13@19; turkeys, 18@24.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat—No. 2 red, spot and December, 93½@94c; steamer, 91½@92c; No. 3 red, 90½@91c; rejected "in," 87½@88c; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 97½@98½c.

Corn—Car lots for local trade, as to location, kiln-dried, new, No. 2 yellow, 80@81c; do, steamer yellow, 79@80c; do, No. 3 yellow, 77½@78c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 47c; standard white, 46c; No. 3 white, 45@45½c; No. 4, 44@44½c.

Eggs—Nearby, extra, 42c per dozen; nearby firsts, $11.10@11.40 per standard case; nearby current receipts, $10.80; Western extra firsts, $11.10@11.40 per standard case; firsts, $10.80; candled and recrated fresh eggs, jobbing at 45@48c per dozen; cold storage eggs, per case, extra, $9; firsts, $8.40@8.70; seconds, $7.50@8.10.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—No. 2 red spot and December, 96⅛; January, 97⅛; February, 98⅝.

Corn—New white corn at 73 and 75c per bu; no established grade mixed at 70. Steamer yellow, 72¼c per bu; steamer mixed at 71.

Oats—Standard white, 45@45¼c; No. 3 white, 44½@44¾.

Rye—Western Rye—No. 1, domestic, 72@73c; No. 2, domestic, 68; No. 2, export, 64½; No. 3, domestic, 64; No. 4, domestic, 63. Bag lots nearby, as to quality, 60@68c.

Hay—Timothy—No. 1, $19.50; standard, $18.50@19; No. 2, $17.50@18; No. 3, $15@16.50. Clover Mixed—Light, $17@17.50; No. 1, $16.50@17; No. 2, $15@16; heavy, $16.50@17. Clover—No. 1, $17@17.50; No. 2, $13@16.

Straw—Straight Rye—No. 1, $16@16.50; No. 2, $15.50@16. Tangled rye, No. 1, $11.50@12. Wheat—No. 1, $8.50; No. 2, $7. Oat—No. 1, $10@10.50; No. 2, $8@9.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 34@35; creamery, choice, 31@33; creamery, good, 29@30; creamery, prints, 34@36; creamery, blocks, 33@35; creamery, ladles, 23; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 20@23; Ohio rolls, 19@22; West Virginia rolls, 19@21; storepacked, 17@18; Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 20@21.

Cheese—Jobbing lots, per lb, 18¼@18½c.

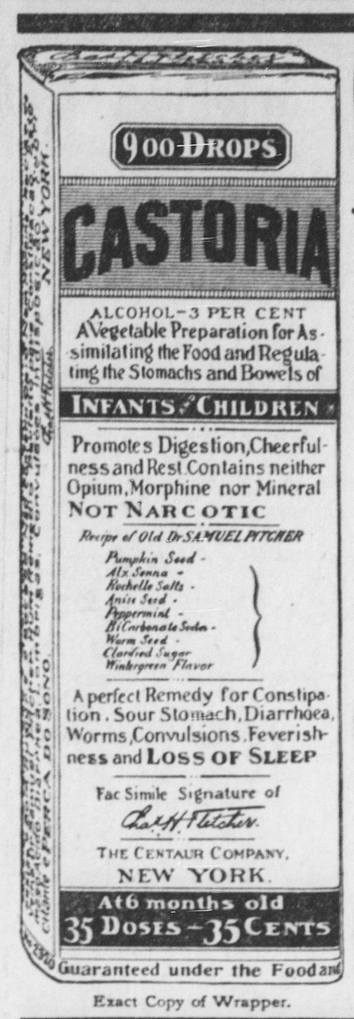
Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 34c; Western firsts, 34; West Virginia firsts, 34; Southern firsts, 32.

Live Poultry—Chickens, old hens, heavy, 15c; do, old hens, small to medium, 14; do, old roosters, 10; do, young, 15; ducks, 14@15; geese, nearby, 14@16; do, Western and Southern, 13@14; do, Kent Island, 17@18; pigeons, young, per pair, 25; do, old, per pair, 25; guinea fowl, old, each, 40; do, do, young, 62½; turkeys, young, 10 lbs and over, per lb, 18; do, old, per lb, 17; do, rough and poor, per lb, 12.

Live Stock

CHICAGO.—Hogs—Bulk of sales, $7.65@7.80; light, $7.35@7.75; mixed, $7.55@7.90; heavy, $7.55@7.90; rough, $7.55@7.65; pigs, $5.75@7.40.

Cattle—Beeves, $6.60@9.60; Texas steers, $6.65@7.70; stockers and feeders, $4.40@7.50; cows and heifers, $3.40@8.30; calves, $7@11.50.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Forgiven.

The priest had warned Pat a number of times of the probable consequence of his intemperate habits and as many times had secured the Irishman's promise to reform.

Finding Pat drunk one day, the reverend gentleman began his customary rebuke by expressing his sorrow at finding Pat once more in the condition.

"Are you really sorry?" asked Pat.

"To be sure I am," responded the priest.

"Well, then," replied Pat, "if you're sure you're sorry, then I'll forgive you."

Upper Cut.

Mrs. French Vanderbilt, at a luncheon at Harbourviewe, her beautiful Newport villa, said of the nouveaux riches of Gotham:

"These people form, undoubtedly, a very splendid and ornate society—but it is a social upper crust based exclusively, as it were, on the financial dough beneath."

Good Definition.

"What's a free lance?"

"That's a hack writer who is earning more than $12 a week."

A man may have to go to jail in order to get the living the world owes him.

Tea From Coffee Leaves.

Tea, as everybody knows, is made from leaves, while coffee is derived from berries or beans. Just here is where something has been overlooked, in the opinion of a scientific investigator. The leaves of the coffee plant are not only available for making a beverage, but they possess properties which make them more valuable than the coffee beans.

In appearance and fragrance the dried coffee leaves very much resemble those of the tea plant. An infusion of them being made, just as in the case of ordinary tea, an aromatic beverage is produced that is bitter to the taste, but not disagreeably so, and which contains almost as much theine as real tea, while there is a much smaller proportion of tannin.

It may yet be possible to grow tea and coffee on the same plant.

Heard on the Train.

"Does your boss ever find fault with you?"

"Never."

"He must be a fine sort of a man."

"He is; I work for myself."

Simple Method.

"How do you tell mushrooms from toad-stools?"

"I wait till next morning. If I'm here they were mushroom. If I'm in heaven they were toadstools."

Medical Advice.

Miggs—So the doctor told you to go to a warmer climate. What is the nature of the trouble you consulted him on?

Maggs—I went there to collect a bill.

The custom of displaying colored globes in the chemist's window originated among the Moors of Arabia and Spain.

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Taxation.

Personal property has equal protection under the law and for that reason should contribute towards the support of government. Assessing all tax upon land would work a still greater hardship upon the farmer than the present unjust method of taxation. There is no remedy under existing statutes but a solution of the problem may be found in uniform tax laws in all states of the Union so there shall be no tax dodging possible by moving from one state to another. A tax on incomes properly levied, the grange believes to be the most just and equitable plan yet devised. If the National Government can uncover the vast millions that have heretofore escaped taxation it would seem to be an opportune time for the states to take up this matter and assess these millions to the end that the farmer and other real estate owners may be relieved, in a measure, from these unjust and iniquitous burdens.

Ishler-Wagner.

The marriage of Domer Stanley Ishler and Miss Edna May Wagner, both of Centre Hall, is announced for the first time, although the marriage took place October 4th, 1912, in Williamsport. The young couple are well known about here, and will have the best wishes of their many friends. The bride of more than a year has been staying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Geiss Wagner, and the groom with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Ishler. He is at present teaching the Earlystown public school.

Nose Cut Off.

While Irvin Shuey, head fireman in the College boiler] room in the Engineering building, was turning off the power from one of the motors the belt slipped and striking him in the face, cut a deep gash in his left cheek, almost severed his nose and injured his left eye. The nasal appendage was hanging by a mere thread. He was hurried to the office of Dr. G. C. Glenn, who dressed the wound and believes that the nose can be grown fast, and render service.

LOCALS.

The fall months have been most delightful. There were but few days that could be termed really disagreeable.

Saturday is the date for Mrs. Lettie Goodhart's stock sale. There will be sold three young horses, and four western-bred Holstein cows, and a lot of young cattle bred from the cows.

Monday the Reporter was favored with a call from Samuel Klinefelter of Colyer, who is farming the John R. Lee farm. Mr. Klinefelter is in fine physical condition, and appreciates it.

Mrs. Lillie Alexander, as has been her custom for several years, closed her home at Centre Hall, and will be at the home of her brother, Hon. W. M. Allison, at Spring Mills, for the winter.

Just keep in mind that from now until February 1st, subscriptions to the Reporter may be renewed at the rate of $1.00 per year. After February 1st, the rate to all will be $1.50 per year.

Alfred Catherman of Milmont was in the valley the beginning of this week in quest of stock, and purchased some from J. H. Detwiler. While in this section he stopped with his brother-in-law, C. W. Slack.

George B. Lee has closed his blacksmith shop at Tusseyville and has secured employment at State College, in the electric light works. He contemplates moving his family to Lemont until a house at State College can be secured.

David Rossman, on Nittany Mountain, was stricken with paralysis on Monday. His speech was very much affected, as well as the whole of the one side of his body. Mr. Rossman is the father of John C. and William Rossman of Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker and son of Denver, Colorado, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Gutelius and daughters, Violet and Louise, and Daniel B. Gutelius of Warren, Ohio, came east to attend the funeral of Dr. Charles H. Gutelius, at Mifflinburg, and visited at Millheim before returning home.

An appropriate Christmas service was rendered in the Reformed church on Sunday evening, the same having been prepared by the Reformed publication board and consisted of music and responsive reading. In a short address by the pastor, Rev. R. R. Jones, special stress was laid on the proper observance of Christmas.

The reader will be pleased to learn that John H. Krumbine has been appointed postmaster at Vintondale. The office is in a presidential class, and has a good salary attached. There are two assistants allowed for the office. Mr. Krumbine has had experience as a postmaster, having been postmaster at Rexis for several years. Congratulations, sure, on this Christmas Day.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Services Throughout First Week of New Year—Subjects of a Local Character.

Throughout the whole world the first week of the new year will be observed by the various churches as a week of prayer. In the smaller communities like Centre Hall, these meetings will be of a union character. The subjects to be discussed are such as apply locally, and will give ministers an added opportunity to bring before the community needed reforms. The services throughout the week will begin at 7:15 o'clock. The program follows:

THE PROGRAM.

Sunday, January 4, Reformed church, subject: Centre Hall's Greatest Need. Sermon by Rev. Frederick W. Barry.

Monday, January 5, Evangelical church, subject: The Preacher as a Meddler. Sermon by Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Ph. D.

Tuesday, January 6, Evangelical church, subject, The Community's Debt to the Church. Sermon by Rev. R. Raymond Jones.

Wednesday, January 7, Presbyterian church, subject: United we Stand. Sermon by Rev. George J. Colledge.

Thursday, January 8, Presbyterian church, subject: Advertising my Faith. Sermon by Rev. F. H. Foss.

Friday, January 9, Methodist church, subject: Centre Hall Children. Sermon by Rev. Frederick W. Barry.

Saturday, January 10, Methodist church, subject: Recreation as a Spiritual Force. Sermon by Rev. R. Raymond Jones.

Sunday, January 11, Lutheran church, subject: A Cleaner Centre Hall. Sermon by Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Ph. D.

As will be seen by reference to the above the pastors of Centre Hall have arranged a program for the Week of Prayer, January 4-11, 1914, union services to be held in turn in the various churches. It is their desire to make these services contribute as much as possible to the moral and religious welfare of the community. To this end they have not only arranged the program with much thought and prayer; but they also invite the cordial co-operation of the laymen. The town has been divided into three sections: The first section embraces all south of the street crossing Main street at the Presbyterian church, the second all parts north of this to the street crossing at the United Evangelical church, the third section includes all north of this street. A committee of five for each section has been appointed to arrange for the holding daily of cottage prayer meetings by laymen at 3 p. m. These meetings are for all residing in these parts of the town and will be held in designated homes. At the same hour each day the pastors also will meet for prayer and conference. All interested in the welfare of the kingdom in Centre Hall are urged "to pray without ceasing" for the outpouring of the Divine blessing, and to work for the same. Let all, so far as possible, arrange their affairs to attend the meetings. **

A Strenuous Statesman.

Charles James Fox, the English statesman and sport, had wagered something about a waistcoat which could only be obtained in Paris; went off to Dover by night, caught the mail packet, posted to Paris and back to Calais, and remembered he had a horse racing at Newmarket. He chartered a fishing boat bound for the eastern counties, just got to Newmarket in time for the race, took the post back to London and stopped on the way to dine. In the middle of the dinner he was caught by a special messenger who had been tearing over half of England in search of him and reminded that he had to move to bring in a marriage bill in the house of commons. He rushed to the stables, reached the house in time to make a brilliant speech in reply to North and Burke and defeated North on a division by a single vote.

Almost Recognized.

Dinah was a product of New Orleans, a big, plump "yaller gal" who could cook the finest dinners for miles around. One day a new butler appeared upon the scene, and Dinah's mistress noticed that she took a great interest in the man. At last her mistress could stand her curiosity no longer and asked:

"Dinah, do you know that new man?"

Dinah took another long and scrutinizing look and then slowly and reminiscently replied:

"Well, I dunno, Miss Alice, but I think he was ma fust husband!"—Everybody's Magazine.

Toboga Island.

Famed for its unfailing springs of pure, sparkling water, the island of Toboga lies about ten miles from the city of Panama, in the Pacific. Here the mail steamers plying between Balboa and San Francisco lie by for their supply of fresh water, as do also the steamers that sail southward from Panama. The island is also famous for its splendid pineapples.

Preoccupied.

The professor had fallen downstairs, and as he thoughtfully picked himself up he remarked, "I wonder what noise that was I just heard?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Just Rebuke.

"Is life worth living?"

"Not if you have nothing better to occupy your mind than such questions as that!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Lack of desire is the greatest riches.—Seneca.

How to Observe Christmas.

Dear Mr. Smith:

The above question was asked us, and we beg the courtesy of the columns of your paper to answer the same. At our Christmas service on Sunday evening we did not say how to observe Christmas, rather merely how not to observe the day.

We all know that Christmas is the day set aside by the Christian church to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. This being the purpose of the day the question naturally arises, How shall the day be observed?

First let us look at our mode of observing other days on which important events took place. Washington's birthday is a day set aside by our government to commemorate the name and work of George Washington, and to inspire in each heart a love of country. This day is very generally observed in the public schools of our state and other states. What is the plan followed? By songs, recitations, etc., an effort is made to portray Washington before the mind of the pupils and show him in his greatness,—show his unswerving loyalty to duty, and his dignity of manhood. If Washington can be made to live in the ideals of the child then good has been accomplished.

We can follow the same plan on Christmas, namely aim to make Jesus Christ stand out prominently before all the people. For if George Washington becomes an inspiration to the rising generation when his life is grasped, how much more will Jesus Christ, the perfect example be such. Therefore on Christmas you may do anything that makes Jesus Christ stand out more real before you. This will be a benefit to you as an individual and to whomsoever comes in contact with you. The great need of our age is a fuller realization of the meaning of Jesus Christ to this sin-cursed earth. Therefore, if you want to observe Christmas in way that will be a blessing to you and others, ask yourself the question, How can I best bring out the Christ ideal? If you are in earnest about this, I think that you will agree with me, that the three principles mentioned below, will at least help to develop this ideal in your own soul, as well as portray it to others with whom you come in contact.

1. Refrain from your accustomed daily toil, make the day different from other days.

2. Let your songs on this day be largely Christmas songs. An early morning song service in some place of worship is very appropriate, commemorating the song of the angels on the Day of the Nativity. The angels from heaven could sing for joy that a Savior of sinful men was born.

3. Be a giver on this day. Give something to some one who needs what you give. If you know of any whose lives are along the margin give gifts to such. If there are any whom you can cheer, go and cheer them. If there are any that you can help in any way do so on this day. Our Lord himself said, "It is more Blessed to give than to receive." Try to act the Christ on this day.

We feel sure that the above are some of the ways in which Christmas can be made a blessing in every community.

Wishing you all a joyous Christmas, we remain,

Sincerely yours,
REV. R. R. JONES.

Wagner's Music.

By the study of Wagner's masterpieces a glimpse of the eternal is had, and once the vision of his truth fills the soul counterfeits are detected instinctively. The polyphony of Bach and the music of "Die Meistersinger" prove the spiritual kinship of Wagner with the founder of modern music. A Beethoven symphony and the "Tristan und Isolde" music demonstrate the common genealogy of the composer from Bonn and the maker of music dramas, but listen to the Strauss music from "Salome" when the prophet is being murdered in the well and then hear the mighty tone structure of the last scene from "Gotterdaemmerung" and observe that Strauss shrieks while Wagner chants.—San Francisco Call.

The Coach and Four Came.

Among the many records of Harrow school is that of a boy, the son of a poor local tradesman in a very small way of business. His schoolfellows often taunted him about his family poverty. Their thoughtless jeers, although hurting his feelings, drew from the lad the retort, "I intend before I die to ride in a coach and four." The years sped by, and, lo and behold, the poverty stricken youngster of Harrow had developed into Dr. Parr, the greatest scholar of his time, whose customary and favorite means of locomotion was a coach and four!—London Mail.

Came Near It.

A New England farmer was once describing in the presence of a very humane person the great age and debility of a horse that he formerly owned and used. "You ought to have killed him," interrupted the humane person indignantly. "Well," drawled the farmer, "we did—almost."

A Mean Dig.

Myrtle—Look what a lovely diamond engagement ring George has given me. Estelle—Yes; it's lovely. It nearly broke my heart when I sent it back to him.

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DEATHS.

In the last issue of the Reporter the formal announcement of the death of Miss Anna Durst was made, the extreme brevity was due to the fact that the death occurred just as the Reporter went to press, Wednesday after noon, December 18th.

Miss Durst was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Durst and was born near where she died, twenty-seven years ago. She was a young woman of retiring disposition, yet companionable, and had many friends among the young people with whom she grew up. She was devoted to her parents, and when physically able assumed her portion of responsibilities as a daughter in the home. She brightened the home by her cheerful disposition, and her ever readiness to welcome her young friends.

She was a member of the Lutheran church for a number of years, and it was in that church that the funeral services were held on Saturday morning, after the usual services were conducted by her pastor Rev. F. W. Barry, assisted by Rev. W. H Schuyler, at the home. The funeral was largely attended by relatives from a distance and friends about home

The deceased is survived by her parents, and two brothers, namely, Edward and Ray.

The pallbearers were: Cleveland Mitterling, William C. Boczar, John H. Knarr, Milton Bradford, Adam Smith, John M. Coldren.

Andrew J. Weibly, a native of State College, died at the Waldorf hotel, Eighth avenue and Nineteenth street, Altoona, at 5:45 o'clock Sunday morning. He had been ill with heart trouble for the past two months Mr. Weibly was born at State College, March 20, 1868, and was aged forty-five years, nine months and one day. He came to Altoona three years ago and during that time had been employed by the Altoona and Logan Valley Railway company in the capacity of conductor on the Eldorado branch. He was of Lutheran faith and was a staunch member of the following orders: Modern Woodmen of America, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of State College and the Railway relief. The deceased is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs W. F. Craft of Altoona; his mother, Mrs Catharine Tressler of State College, and one brother and one sister, Fred Weibly of State College, and Christina Wolf of Jersey Shore.

Funeral services were held at the funeral parlors of N. A. Stevens, 1619 Eighth avenue, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. V. T. Rue officiating and interment was made in Oak Ridge cemetery.

David Kline, one of the oldest residents in that section, died at the home of George Berryhill, at Blanchard, with whom he resided. Deceased had lived in that section nearly all his life and was aged almost eighty four years. His nearest surviving relatives are Essie and James Kline, half brothers.

Following an illness of some weeks Mrs. Mary Catharine Montgomery, widow of the late W. W. Montgomery, passed peacefully away at her home on Allegheny street, Bellefonte. During the past six months or longer she had been a victim of paralysis.

Deceased was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Lingle and was born at Spruce Creek on May 21st, 1840, making her age at death seventy-three years, six months and twenty-five days. She was married to Mr. Montgomery on February 26th, 1860, and ever since had made her home in Bellefonte. When a girl she became a member of the Disciple church and lived faithful to its doctrines all her life. She had many warm friends who sincerely mourn her death. Surviving her are the following children: Mrs. Charles J. McHugh of Aspinwall; Mrs. John C. Bair, Joseph L., Miss Emma and Fred, all of Bellefonte. She also leaves one sister and three brothers, namely: Mrs. Edwin F. Garman of Bellefonte; W. C. Lingle of Philipsburg; J. Howard of Dubois, and Frank of Patton.

Deaths Throughout County.

John W. S. Hamer, at Huntingdon Furnace, aged fifty-nine years. For a number of years he lived in Ferguson township.

Mrs. Catharine Rice, widow of Samuel Rice, in Bellefonte, aged seventy-seven years.

Mrr. Samuel Bennett in Tyrone, aged fifty-three years. Her maiden name was Rebecca K., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Woodring, of Port Matilda.

Daniel Boyer, in Boggs township, a veteran of the Civil War, having served in Company G, 148 Regiment.

Miss Hannah Johnston, in Bellefonte, born in Harrisburg, aged almost seventy-three years. Interment in Harrisburg.

Mrs. Martha Frances Heath, wife of James W. Heath, at Sandy Ridge, aged seventy-two years.

A handmaiden—the waitress.

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The undersigned offers at private sale the following:

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Sale Register.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, one o'clock, at Centre Hall, at the late residence of William Colyer, deceased, by C. S. Bodtorf, executor: Lot of household goods. In addition to the articles named on the posters are these: Sleigh, buggy, push cart, berry boxes, cooley creamer, 2 couches, springs, mattress, single beds, 8-day clock, sewing machine, writing desk.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, at 12 o'clock sharp, on turnpike two and one half miles west of Spring Mills at the late residence of J. Miller Goodhart, by Lettie Goodhart: Three horses, one four years old, two rising three years old; yearling colt. Four Holstein cows, western stock; 3 Holstein heifers, Holstein bull, red heifer one year old; two Holstein heifer calves, bull calf, all bred from western cows described above. Six hogs. L. F. Mayes, auct.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 6th and 7th, on the Lee farm and at Centre Hall, by the ex-cutors of Dr. George L. Lee: Farm stock, implements, and household goods.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 12 o'clock, two and one-half miles west of Centre Hall, by Chas. S. Burris: Farm stock and implements.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, all day sale, one-half mile south-east of Linden Hall, by S. E. Sharer: Farm stock and implements. L. F. Mayes, auctioneer.

TUESDAY MARCH 17, at Old Fort, by William Bradford. Large farm stock and implements.—L. F. Mayes, auct.

March 19, Henry Homan, Centre Hall: Farm stock, etc.—L. F. Mayes, auct.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, all day, by George W. Rowe, near Linden Hall. Farm stock and implements.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 one o'clock, two and one-half miles east of Penns Cave along Brush Valley road, by Oscar C. Homan, farm stock and implements. Wise and Hubler, auctioneers.

A postmortem examination of a cow owned by A. J. Gephart, at Millheim, proved that Dr. Fiedler had made a correct diagnosis when he announced that the animal had some foreign substance in her heart, and ordered her killed. A needle two and one-half inches long had passed through the wall of the stomach and was almost entirely imbedded in the heart.

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